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ABSTRACT

This revised curriculum guide was prepared to help speech teachers and administrators gain greater sensitivity to the importance of speech education in the curriculum and to provide a digest of the characteristics and instructional practices which could contribute to superior speech education programs. The topics of the first nine chapters are speech education in a democracy, achieving the objectives of speech education, activity programs for speech education, a suggested curriculum for a basic speech course, discussion and debate, oral interpretation, educational drama, radio and television in speech education, and a general speech program inventory for secondary schools. Chapter ten is a bibliography in which items are listed under the categories of general speech philosophy, methods and resource materials, testing and evaluation, high school textbooks, and college texts for reference. This chapter also contains a list of sources for speech education materials and equipment. (JM)



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FOREWORD

In October 1960 the Illinois Curriculum Council recommended the preparation of a series of curriculum guides for teachers and administrators in the high school Communication in the High School Curriculum—Speaking and Listening—was the first of the secondary school series published Cooperating in this publication with Woodson W Fishback, then Director of the Illinois Curriculum Program, were William E Buys, Chairman and Co-editor G Bradford Barber, Kenneth Burns Paul K Crawford, Bessie Duggan, Ellison Hoke, Ralph L Lane B F Johnston Karl F Robinson, Glenn C Schuermann J Thomas Sill Catherine Wood and Edward Zimdars

In 1969 a committee from the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association collaborated with Mr. Earl R. Davis, Supervisor of Speech and Drama. Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the revision of the communication guide. Serving on that committee were Mr. Richard King of Granite City High School Mrs. Betty Thornton, Mr. George Tuttle of Thornridge High School of Dolton, and Mr. John Malloy of Thornwood. High School of South Holland.

The intent of the revisory committee. like that of the original committee, was to prepare a nonprescriptive guide which would accomplish two purposes first, to help speech teachers and administrators gain a greater sensitivity to the importance of speech education in the curriculum, and second, to provide a digest of the characteristics and instructional practices which if studied and applied, could contribute to superior speech education programs

The revision was necessitated by an accelerated importance of oral communication and the introduction of new media for use by speech teachers and students. This new concern for effective oral communication has been accompanied by new and improved teaching methods and by broader concepts and philosophies which should be understood by all teachers of speech education.

Appreciation is expressed to the members of the revisory committee who gave unstintingly of their time, energy, and knowledge to effect this new publication

It is the hope and belief of the committee that this revision will afford school personnel a broader understanding of the importance and scope of speech and drama as an essential discipline to be offered to all students. Familiarization with the guidelines herein set down should be invaluable, particularly to teachers with limited academic backgrounds in speech and drama, and to those with limited teaching experience.

In cooperation with the representatives of the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction is proud to sponsor and present this bulletin to school administrators and to teachers of speech and drama

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CHAPTER I

SPEECH EDUCATION IN A DEMOCRACY

Our Changing World

In considering what is fundamentally crucial to all language arts, speech educators generally agree that no modern, technological, and democratic society can secure and maintain freedom for individuals in their social, economic, and political lives, without deliberately providing for intentional speech education in those skills, attitudes, and arts which are basic to that society's primary goals

Primary goals have not changed since the writing of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution However, due to social, economic, intellectual, judicial, and political changes, verbal expression of our goals after according to the human actions and concrete conditions that exist at any given time

It must be realized that all high school students today are the television generation, all have been influenced by television since birth. These children have entered the schools with an immense exposure to vicarious experiences that, before this time, were impossible to achieve. The school system, in general, and speech education, in particular, must keep in mind that today s teenager has been widely oriented in multi-sensory oral language. Educators must learn to use this method of language to a far greater degree than in the past

In the United States more than 200 million persons can be simultaneously turned into a listening-viewing audience. This nation has a communication medium and a communication problem undreamed of twenty years ago

Any school curriculum that does not include responsi-

bilities in teaching effective speech and critical listening must be held accountable for permitting those cultural conditions under which Orwell's 1984 might well become a reality

Recent technological devices for aiding or replacing speakers. Iisteners, readers, and writers are already upon us These need to be noted. As this guide is developed, these machines are not in wide use. However, we can be sure of two things first, these machines will be ready for human use before human beings are widely and wisely educated to use them; and second, these machines, in the very near future, will have a profound effect upon the type of language arts curriculum needed. From the point of view of the revisory committee, the impact of such devices upon the need for speech education is unquestionable.

The technological changes in automated production, transportation, and communication are also resulting in other consequences requiring our attention. There are more white-collar workers now in the United States than blue-collar workers. In examining the essence of service industries, we are impressed by the fact that it is people working with people. Automation is taking men away from working all day with non-communicative machines. This means that interpersonal communication (speaking and listening) once again becomes central to economic activity.

The current economic revolution has resulted in increased leisure time. Hence, "worthy use of leisure time" is no longer an empty educational objective. The need for increased curricular and co-curricular attention to oral reading, storytell-



ing dramatics, creative plays, parliamentary law, and group decision-making is upon us

Another force shaping educational needs is the social revolution. The place of rhetoric in this force is currently undergoing careful examination. The social revolution, itself, calls attention to problems formerly considered insignificant. Other problems take a different perspective, i.e. accepting variant speech patterns as an extension of personality. New problems have emerged, such as the rhetoric of confrontation in the problem-solving process. At the time of this revision, the violent social upheaval is in the early revolutionary stages and its direction or full impact cannot be forecast.

We are a nation dedicated to free speech and assembly Democracy is synonymous with participation, it is synonymous with discussion, parliamentary law, persuasion, salesmanship, and debate Democracy can be secured only when a nation is able to engage in these forms of communication

It is unthinkable that any nation can be committed to economic individualism, to freedom of speech, and to freedom of assembly without also providing for an educational curriculum which seeks to produce individuals who are capable of speaking and listening. Freedom of speech and assembly are hollow terms if skills of speaking and listening are not an integral part of the education of free men.

The implications of having a democratic society dedicated to free education for all, dedicated to freedom to think, dedicated to freedom to assemble and hear, dedicated to the development of a highly technical and mobile world are quite

clear Such achievements can occur only when the educational system provides for those thought processes and skills in communication which are relevant to such goals

The Characteristics of Speech

In order to plan curricula for the specific purposes of improving thought and inter-personal communication in a democratic society, it is necessary to have a general overview of the subject matter of speech education. In other words, what attitudes and skills should speech curricula seek to develop and promote? To answer this question, we present the basic elements and characteristics of the oral communication process as it operates in a free society. This guide will seek to show various and flexible approaches in securing these communication skills.

Speech requires proper attitudes. Effective human thought and effective oral communication depend upon the belief that one has the right and the social responsibility to think constructively and. In turn, to communicate those thoughts to others effectively

Speech is social and purposeful. Oral communication always involves two or more human beings. It is human activity which depends upon cooperative behavior. Oral communication also elways implies a purpose. The speaker attempts to arouse feelings or thoughts, the speaker attempts to contribute to the pleasure and relaxation of the listener, the speaker attempts to change the direction of movement of





the listener either toward, or away from, some speaker-determined goal

Speech begins with a thought. Thinking is the seminal force for all types of communicative acts. In speech, the basic purpose is to transmit information, data, thoughts, and, or feelings. The thoughts the subject matter of the message and the speaker. Subject matter, thoughts, feelings, and ideas are essential to the oral process.

Speech utilizes a listener feedback. The receiver of the message is the listener. Skill in listening can be taugh. Listening is to the receiver what thinking is to the sender. Listening is thinking. The reactions of the listener to the speaker are reflected in what he says, how he looks, and what he does. These reactions are transmitted, via sight and sound, back to the speaker. These returning messages are called "feedback. Feedback messages, in general, report four different things (a) message not understood, (b) message understood and listeners agree, (c) message understood and listeners do not agree, (d) signals received accompanied by interference, message not received, please repeat. The speaker must be able to receive the feedback messages interpret them, and adjust his future outgoing messages to reflect his analysis of the received feedback.

Speech depends upon effective transmission: The speaker must be able to transmit his thought to the listener Effective transmission of thought requires (a) having adequate energy. (b) having sufficient volume. (c) a suitable voice. (d) effective articulation, and (e) controlled bodily action

General Objectives

The knowledge, insights, and skills derived from speech education contribute to the individual's self-realization and economic efficiency. Speech education also produces those social and political skills and attitudes which subserve the American ideal of democracy.

Specifically, the values of speech education stem from those attitudes and skills which it seeks to develop. Among these are

- 1 Evaluating the importance of effective communication in a democratic society
- 2 Acquiring basic mastery of the principles involved in preparing, selecting, organizing, outlining, introducing, developing, and concluding
- 3 Analyzing the audience and occasion related to speaking situations
- 4 Learning to use clear, accurate, impressive, and compelling language
- 5 Developing a pleasant, clear, flexible, and easily heard voice
- 6 Developing and using the physical skills of poise, confidence, sincerity, and self-control
- 7. Learning to listen to the speaker attentively, critically, and meaningfully
- 8 Interpreting literature through acting and oral reading with sensitivity to the content and adherence to the author's intent
- 9 Evaluating the importance of the logical thought pro-



- cesses through participation in discussion, debate, and parliamentary procedure
- 10 Demonstrating ethical standards and social courtesy in all speaking-listening situations

The success or failure of individuals in a free, political, economic and social world depends upon the abilities to think effectively, to speak effectively, and to listen critically. To secure these prime objectives is the purpose of speech education, to have succeeded in obtaining these objectives is the value of speech education.





CHAPTER II

ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES

Statements of speech needs and lists of high sounding goals have little value unless these needs and goals are recognized by those whose duty it is to administer the schools of our State. This chapter lists and briefly discusses the concepts necessary to achieve the objectives of speech education set forth in the previous chapter.

Recognize the Value of the Speech Program

School board members, superintendents, principals, and curriculum planners recognize the importance of improving oral communication skills. This recognition goes beyond mere intellectual acceptance, it advances to the point of demanding that something be done to improve the ability of students to think clearly and to share thoughts with one another.

Recognize That Speech Is Learned

The implications of Chapter I point up the premise that speech is learned, and, because it is learned, can be taught Recognition of this premise will lead school administrators to the realization that speech education should be intentional indirect teaching, accomplished by letting the students do considerable speaking in all of their classes and allowing them to participate in poorly directed extracurricular speech activities will not suffice If the student does not have a good set of speech habits to begin with, or if he does not know of what good speech consists, no amount of practice will benefit him Effective speech is best learned through conscious inte-

gration of theory, practice, and criticism under the direction of a person trained in the field

Incorporate Speech Into the Curriculum

Once administrators and teachers recognize the value of speech training and admit that it is best taught directly, it is their responsibility to incorporate speech into the curriculum

Speech education will begin in an informal, yet intentional, manner in the early grades ¹ It is an integral part of the total language arts program. Good language arts textbooks for elementary grades have well-developed units on speaking and listening. Administrators will insist that speaking and listening receive their fair share of time in elementary education, knowing that the habits instilled at this time will remain with the student throughout his life.

Formal speech instruction can be introduced at the junior high school level. Instruction at this level should build on what has been done in the elementary school, but should not duplicate work done there. It should concentrate on improving speech habits in informal situations and introduce the student to the problems of formal speaking. Work in creative dramatics is valuable in the junior high school program since it contributes to the development of the child's imagination. Creative dramatics also serves as a foundation for all future dramatic work in the high school.

A good curricular program at the high school level will pro-



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vide for at least one semester of required speech early in the student's career. This required course should be in general speech and should concentrate on those activities with which the student is most likely to come in contact in later life. Local conditions, the needs and abilities of the students, and the training of the teacher all will determine the nature of the beginning course. One word of warning may not be amiss, however. Experience indicates that a superficial handling of many topics is less satisfactory than a more concentrated treatment of fewer areas in the beginning course.

A suggested method of scheduling a required course of speech would be to compress the eight semesters of English into seven and add the basic course of speech. This would have the advantages of being efficient, economical, and easy to implement. It is suggested that the ideal time to offer the basic speech course would be in the fromman year to obtain the maximum sequential advantage. An early semester of basic speech builds a firm foundation for subsequent courses, and, for some students, allows greater time for advanced speech work.

In addition to the basic required course, electives will be offered in those oral communication areas which best meet the needs and abilities of the students involved

Curricular course work is but one of two phases of the well-balanced speech program. A speech activities program to aid those who are in need of remedial work, and to benefit those who because of their special aptitudes can profit from additional speech activity, is also vital

A majority of schools concentrate on an elementary school speech correction program, and full-time speech therapists are most often hired in the elementary school. Under the supervision of a competent therapist who does not have too heavy a case load, the large percentage of speech defectives can be properly treated at this time. However, certain students will enter high school still in need of the services of the correctionist, and it is imperative that whatever help they still need be provided.

Probably more important than the speech defective in the high school program is the talented speech student Good courses in speech will train him to use his talents, but many additional opportunities are needed for him to practice and perfect his new-found skills. Actual performance situations are of the greatest benefit at this time. Thus, it is recommended that the school offer adequate opportunity for him to get further experience outside the classroom. Means of providing this experience are discussed in detail in Chapter IV, pages 45 and 46 of this guide.

An adequate speech program takes both time and money it must be given proper time allocation on the school calendar and should be so scheduled that it is available to all students. A fair share of the total budget will need to be earmarked for speech. It is quite as important as any other phase of the school's program.

Periodic evaluations by administrators and teachers will determine whether goals are being achieved and where revisions need to be made





Secure the Best Faculty Possible

Other things being equal, good teachers produce good results, and weak teachers have less chance of being successful. The speech teacher, thus, should have the best possible qualifications for his work. A language arts major whose college training has included only one or two speech courses cannot achieve the goals set forth in this guide. It is desired that the speech teacher be a speech major.

In a school where a single speech course is offered, the administration may have to accept a teacher who has a speech minor, only A good minor program in college will have introduced the teacher to the main speech activities and should have given him sufficient theory and practice in this eactivities so that he can teach them adequately

In those schools where more ambitious programs are undertaken, the teacher should certainly have the major Most teacher-training programs tend to make the major one in which the teacher has had at least a minimum of work in all aspects of speech. The well-qualified teacher will have provided for depth in the field of his chief interest, i.e., public speaking, debate, dramatics, etc. Thus, he will be equipped to handle specialized courses or activities in those areas in which he has had additional training. The speech teacher, certainly, will be expected to possess all of those personal qualities desirable in any teacher.

There are enough differences among the various speech activities so that one person cannot be expected to handle all of them equally well. If the school is so small that only one

teacher can be employed. It might be best to concentrate on one major activity

An administrator desiring a strong speech activities program will give the classroom teacher who directs that program either released class time or a stipend for the extra service

Provide Adequate Facilities

Facilities for carrying on the speech program need not be elaborate, and lack of such facilities should not deter any school from initiating work in speech. However, once work has started, a plan for improving existing facilities should be inaugurated. The really good teacher will not need an oversupply of gadgets in order to have an exciting offering, but he should not be kept from obtaining the best results by lack of equipment.

The speech classroom need not be greatly different from any other classroom. It is to be desired that the seats be movable, that there be a platform at the front of the room, and that a lectern, or speaker's stand, be provided. If the room is to be used for drama classes, a curtain to close off the "stage" area would be very helpful. Models, charts, speech recordings, and other teaching aids peculiar to the speech program will be a part of the classroom. Tape recorders, TV sets, movie and overhead projectors, public address systems, and other mechanical equipment will be available to the speech teacher as needed.

A fine library is surely an asset to the speech teacher and his students. Preparation for speeches, discussions, and de-





bates is greatly enhanced when a variety of materials is available for the student to use in his research. High school speech textbooks other than the one adopted for the classroom, should be available for supplementary reading assignments. Collections of great speeches, plays, and other literature are requisite to both curricular and noncurricular work in public speaking dramatics, and oral interpretation. Debaters will need daily newspapers, weekly news magazines, and specific reference material on the debate topic. The speech teacher will consult with the personnel responsible for instructional materials to see that all of his needs are met.

An activity program which includes dramatics will require some sort of auditorium. Stage facilities such as lights, scenery, etc., should be provided in relation to the scope of the program.

Foster Integration of Speech With Other Subjects

Integration of speech with other classes will be achieved best by the speech teacher acquainting the other teachers in the system with what has been taught, what can be expected of the student concerning oral performance, and what other teachers can do to continue and reinforce the work of the speech teacher. Time might well be given in faculty meetings for the speech teacher to explain these matters, or he might prepare a brochure to be handed out to all teachers so they may know what to expect and what they can do. The old cliche, every teacher a speech teacher, has value only after some speech has been taught, and then it has every value if

the learning is properly used. If all teachers would make a concerted effort to implement the work of the speech teacher, if they vould not be satisfied with mediocre speech performance in their classes, great strides could be made in producing more effective oral communicators.

Another method of fostering integration is to employ a special consultant. It would be the duty of this person to aid teachers in all subjects with the oral aspects of their classes. This might be accomplished by inservice training so that the classroom teacher could handle the work himself, or it might involve team teaching wherein the classroom teacher and the consultant would cooperate on a given project. Team teaching as a method of integrating speech has been successfully used in a number of instances.

Outstanding curricula do not self-develop. They require planning, nurturing, and constant evaluation if they are to achieve maximum potential.



CHAPTER III

ACTIVITY PROGRAMS FOR SPEECH EDUCATION

An important supplement to achievement in communication skills is that of extracurricular speech activities. Involvement in this aspect of speech can also lead a student to an increased awareness and interest in the field. Extracurricular programs are generally divided into competitive and non-competitive activities.

Some schools refuse to offer competitive activities on the premise that over-emphasis upon competition is harmful and that not enough students can be involved. Over-emphasis in any form of competition has its hazards, the major emphasis in speech contests is to provide speaking experiences. Competition, while an important factor, is still secondary. The number of students who may be involved in competitive speech is limited only by the number of coaches, contests, and money available.

Contests are probably the most efficient means of offering speaking experiences. A talented speaker can perform more often in one year of contest work than he could in three years of public performances. It is an educational experience for the beginner, especially, because each round is supervised by a judge who furnishes a critique of the performance, something difficult to achieve in public appearances before a host of strangers.

Functions of Activity Programs

A major function of speech activities is to extend the range of experience of the student speaker. In speech contests, festivals, assembly programs, service programs, radio and television programs. he is given an opportunity to demonstrate his accomplishments. Further, in such activities, he exposes himself to new audiences and usually more accomplished critics than he would ordinarily meet in the classroom environment. The 'feedback' process is extremely valuable to the communicator. It is something he can see, feel, and use. It is far more valuable than any critique he may receive from the teacher in the classroom situation. Moreover, the criticism may be more valid coming from an audience which is more objective than his classmates. It is, in short, a practical exercise which supplements the formal learning situation of the classroom.

Another function is to provide a valuable educational experience for the student concerned with the world. his immediate surroundings, and the important problems of the day. The teacher will find that the activities program draws students from areas of interest other than speech. Many times the student does not have an interest in speech. He may simply have a keen desire to solve problems, to deliberate basic issues, and to exercise his powers of reasoning. A question that aroused a curious mind in the classroom may remain unanswered unless further activity provides a suitable answer The student who has not had the time to investigate such questions thoroughly in class needs other outlets for his educational interest. He can turn to a speech activity for educational enrichment. The unique advantage of speech is that it is not tied to any one academic discipline, but is an integral part of all of them. Thus, the interested student has the oppor-



tunity to cover all aspects of a wide variety of problems without being forced to remain within the confines of one academic discipline

Still another function of any speech program is to encourage critical listening and thinking. As indicated in Chapter I. page 5. the school must not fail to recognize its responsibility to stress critical listening in the fast approaching age of a listening-viewing America. The school of today must teach its future citizens to realize that critical listening is a key to their future and an important avenue to world understanding. The activities program can add immeasurably to the student's skill in critical listening. Debate, for example is almost wholly predicated upon the ability of the participant to hear, analyze, and respond orally to argument Intelligent decision-making in the areas of discussion, extempore speaking, oratory, and argumentation cannot exist until the speaker learns to listen effectively and critically Appreciation of literature, as well as understanding of characterization and style, also depends upon effective listening

Types and Kinds of Speech Activities

The three general areas of extracurricular speech activity are public address. Interpretation, and theatre In Illirois, most interscholastic speech activities are sponsored and supervised by the Illinois High School Association Debate and individual speech events can be either interscholastic or intramural. It is especially important for schools with competitive programs to offer an intramural program for students.

who have an interest in speech, but are not effective enough to be on the various competitive teams. Community service speeches of all types should be considered.

Public Address Activities

Individual Activities

After-dinner speaking is a contest activity. This is much more limiting than extempore speaking or oratory. Whatever the subject, the after-dinner speech is to be entertaining. This does not necessarily mean humorous Clever ideas and unique phrasings are the secrets of good after-dinner speaking. These are elements of a specialized type of speaking with which the well-rounded speech performer should be familiar.

Extemporaneous speaking is one of the most demanding of the speech contest events. It is closely identified with public speaking exercises of the classroom. It is based upon previous reading and specific research of the student. Extemporaneous speaking employs logic, supporting evidence, causal reasoning, skill in persuasion, ability for quick organization, adaptability, thorough knowledge of subject matter, and facility of language. Such speaking is a real test of the ability of the student since it is not memorized. It is, therefore, attractive to the student who wishes to excel in speaking.

Oratory is historically the classical contest event. It is a formal, persuasive speech that is written by the student about some idea for which he has strong personal convictions. It is





not contrary to many beliefs, a flowery, bombastic exhibition of oratorical splendor as was popular in the days of Bryan, ingersoll Douglas, and Phillips. The speaker should never lose the naturalness and communicativeness of the extempore speaker, even though the content of the speech is much more thoroughly planned and executed. It is a good experience when the student is responsible for the entire oroject. Oratory is an activity that should give the superior student an opportunity to do his best with a difficult speech assignment.

Within this same category one can include oratorical declamation, the oral delivery of an oration originally presented by someone other than the present speaker. Although there is a strong element of interpretation to this event, it still is the presentation of a problem in an expository or persuasive, rather than dramatic or narrative manner. This activity also serves as a pattern for stimulating thought, logical organization, and challenging conclusions in later original speeches.

Radio speaking as a contest activity is a five-minute news summary which contains one minute of commercial material, a number of short news items, rudimentary weather information and possibly some sports items. As a noncontest activity, radio speaking may be an announcers club which presents school announcements over the intercom, emcees school assemblies, announces football games, presents a noontime closed-circuit program in the cafeteria, produces a school program on a local radio station, or produces audio-documentaries for use by classes in various subject fields. See Chapter

VIII. the Student Activities section, for further information.

Group Activities

Never before has a social order been so directly and continuously confronted with conflicts and differences. We are faced with problems, questions, crises great and small, needs, desires, hopes, fears, and aspirations consistent with the complexity of civilization. Television and other highly developed information media make distant problems our own. The international ideological conflict that once crossed only the desk of the Secretary of State now dwells on the minds of young people in our colleges as well. That this condition is inevitable in human affairs should, by now, be an accepted truth

Our attempts to adjust to these problems are dramatically imperfect. The tensions that result have far-reaching consequences inasmuch as they directly affect our entire social order. This realization offers education an ideal pretext to act. But how and where?

The rationale for discussion and debate in the activities program arises from the knowledge that there is a necessity for man to face up to the conflicts, differences, and tensions which arise in his affairs. We like to think that our superior intelligence, combined with our heritage of freedom, allows us a special advantage in adapting to the conflicts that arise. The truth of the matter is that we have no special intelligence, no unusual heritage that is not directly related to meaningful educational experiences. One of those educational advantages is the ability or opportunity to concentrate on an activity



which affords the student the opportunity to learn to face and overcome the significant conflicts of his age. It is here that discussion and debate, and primarily the latter, play a most important role. It is here that we answer the "how and where. Certainly, there should be a place in general education for an academic experience which includes systematic instruction in the analysis of controversial statements, the accumulation and the testing of evidence, the making of value judgments, the application of ethical standards to decisions, the procedures of intellectual attack and defense, the logical marshalling of ideas, and the effective communication of one s views.

Debate is probably the most popular of the creative, non-memorized speaking activities. The debater must embody all the skills of effective communication. Debate not only teaches logical argument and advocacy, but is equally valuable as an exercise in analysis of critical issues and objectivity in approach. It provides an opportunity for persuasive delivery and effective language usage. On a nontournament basis, debate can be used in local student forums on topics of current student interest.

Discussion, anevent of increasing interest, appeals to many students and teachers because it is basically a noncompetitive activity. It is a process of group problem-solving which allows the participants to analyze and investigate a problem. Discussion starts with a problem and ends with a solution, whereas, debate begins with a solution and advocates its

adoption Discussion is an excellent medium for teaching inductive reasoning

Two examples of using discussion for extra-class activities are the symposium and round table. A symposium of two or more students can, through their speeches, discuss or argue a topic of immediate interest to the students. A forum afterward would involve the audience which may be a class or school organization. A series of continuous round table discussions can be presented on subjects of local, school, or national importance. These can be daily lunchtime occurrences in the student lounge.

Student Congress is an activity sponsored by the National Forensics League and various regional and state organizations. It involves discussion, problem-solving, and argumentation—all within the framework of the legislative process.

Jury trial debate is another form of argumentation. This form is conducted along the lines of a modified court procedure. Witnesses take the role of well-known authorities. They must confine their uttered opinions to those published by the authorities.

The Group Action Tournament is an interesting activity which originated in 1958 at the University of Kansas. The tournament is in two phases. First, a team of four-to-six persons is given a problem and has twenty-four hours to prepare a written committee report. Second, the team must orally defend its report before three judges. Evaluation is based upon what is produced rather than the procedure used to compose it.



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Interpretive Activities

Interpretive events are those in which the speaker assumes the responsibility of transferring from the printed page the intellectual, emotional and aesthetic meaning of literature Interpretive events, therefore, place the responsibility for literary understanding and the projection of meaning into the hands of the student. Experiences in interpretation help him understand literature better, and improve his voice with respect to shades of meaning, emphasis, and subordination of ideas and key phrases. Much pleasure in later life may be derived also from the ability to interpret good literature well, both as a parent and as an interested participant in cultural activities of the community.

Competitive Activities

Comedy and serious reading combine interpretation and impersonation with a suggestion of acting. The two events are memorized presentations of dramatic literature where the performer portrays all characters by suggestion. The lines between interpretation and acting in these events becomes rather fine and at times, difficult to establish. Despite such difficulty, the student, while searching for appropriate selections, is enhancing his appreciation of literature, and, in the actual presentation is developing his voice and his ability to understand and help others understand literature.

As presently set up by the Illinois High School Association prose and poetry reading are probably the most truly interpretive events contests Scripts are used, acting is frowned

upon, and materials are more narrative than in comedy and serious reading

Readers Theatre is a new event that is optional in Illinois High School Association sanctioned contests. Because of its popularity and educational value as a group activity, Readers' Theatre will probably be added in the near future as a regular event. Each performer may interpret one or several roles. Literature used in this event may be plays, dramatic poetry, fiction or nonfiction such as speeches, essays, letters, etc. A script may consist of a single work, or a compilation of general works on a theme. Characters and situations are suggested by the interpretative abilities of the readers rather than upon a representational action.

Noncompetitive Activities

Choral reading began with ancient Greek dramatic productions. In this activity a group of people interpret a selection in unison. This activity is effective for presentation of selective authors or on special occasions, such as Christmas or Lincoln's Birthday.

Storytelling is an event that will help the student integrate voice and action in a natural and relaxed speaking situation. The story may be original or an old favorite. This is a fun activity as can be seen by the actions of students in those schools that have organized tall tale clubs or have performed their craft for local elementary schools.

With comprehensive selection of interpretive activities at their disposal, students of one school might want to exchange



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programs between classes or schools. Prose and verse readings storytelling comedy and serious readings, or Readers. Theatre productions are naturals for this type of activity. It is one excellent way to perform one's art and get to know and analyze unfamiliar audiences. The exchange program is becoming quite popular with many neighboring high schools.

Theatrical Activities

Some high schools have been able to put on stage plays of professional quality. The primary advantage of this activity is that it offers the opportunity for participation to more students than most other events. Furthermore, the resultant reactions in preparing and polishing a dramatic performance of artistic and aesthetic value are of great satisfaction to both students and director. Dramatic activity demands precision of execution and sensitivity in interpretation. It can be one of the most memorable speech experiences in the life of the student.

Competitive Activities

The contest play is a one-act play or a cut version of a longer production. The production is forty minutes in length Actors wear costumes and makeup, and they work with stage settings. Emphasis is upon portability. This event goes far toward generating the feelings and teaching the necessities of the touring troupe.

Duet acting is a relatively new activity and as with Readers Theatre has been added as a supplementary event to many individual events, tournaments, and festivals. Each of two performers portrays one character in a short scene usually from a longer play Props and furniture are used but kept to an absolute minimum Pantomine of the use of materials is preferred to the handling of actual objects

Original monologue is part of the individual events contest schedule, and is the only strongly dramatic, as opposed to interpretive, event in the program. The performer immerses himself in a character caught in a humorous situation. Humor in this event may be supplied by the character, by the situation, by clever lines, or by a combination of all

Noncompetitive Activities

The class play or drama club production is the most common form of noncompetitive theatrical offering. The production is traditionally either an all-school event or restricted to one class (usually juniors or seniors). However, 'opencasting offers many advantages over the traditional junior or senior play and most Illinois schools have already turned to 'open casting' as being more educationally sound. A high school usually performs from one to six productions per year

Besides the performance aspect, plays offer students of diverse talents a chance to work in the technical areas. An interested student may work in makeup, costumes, properties (collected and built), sets, lights, sound, publicity, programs, tickets, and posters. He may also help manage skits, talent shows, and floor shows.

Chamber Theatre is the presentation of nondramatic prose —normally either a novel or short story—in dramatic form.





Settings and props are used, and actors employ dramatic action. A narrator explores those inner motivations that cannot be portrayed by actors actions or lines. This activity is an excellent substitute for one of the three-act plays a troupe may customarily do during the year.

Community Service

Schools constantly proclaim the need for closer cooperation and communication with the community served by the school. Unfortunately, as schools become larger and educational pressures more complex, the ties between school and community become more remote. A strong community service program in the speech field will help rectify this situation.

Area organizations are in constant need of programs for their meetings. Activities that the school can provide are modified debates, lecture-forums, interpretative programs, speeches, and dramatic offerings. Another important contribution is for students to offer their talents for programs and drives, sponsored by various community action groups. The following organizations are some examples of those that could possibly be found in the community and which might use student services in either of the two ways previously mentioned.

Youth Organizations. American Youth Hostels. Better Boys Foundation. Big Buddies Youth Services. Boy Scouts. Boys Clubs of America, Campfire Girls, Civil Air Patrol. Drum and Bugle Corps. 4-H. Girl Scouts. Junior Achievement. Key Club. Young Dems. Young GOP. YMCA. YWCA. and Youth Action Religious Organizations. American Jewish Congress, Cath-

olic Order of Foresters. Knights of Columbus, Knights Templar, National Catholic Society. Salvation Army, Theosophical Society, and various protestant groups

Ethnic Organizations Binai Birith, Czech-American National Alliance, Czechoslovak Society of America, Free Sons of Israel, Hellenic Brotherhood, N A A C P, Order of Scottish Clans, Polish National Alliance, Russian Independent Mutual Aid Society, Sons of Italy in America, United Polish Women of America

Fraternal Organizations American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled Veterans, Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Fraternal Order of Police, Kiwanis International, Lions International, Loyal Order of Moose, Masonic Temple, Odd Fellows, Optomists. Rotary International. Shriners, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Knights of Pythias, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women, and various fraternities and sororities in medicine, dentistry, education, business, and engineering

Service and Professional Organizations Alcoholics Anonymous, American Bar Association, American Cancer Society, American Civil Liberties Union, American Dairy Association, American Heart Association, American Hospital Association, American Red Cross, American Women's Voluntary Services, Association for Retarded Children, Asthma and Allergy Foundation, Crippled Children, Gamblers Anonymous, Job Opportunities, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Paraplegia Foundation, National Safety Council, P.T.A., Recovery,





Inc. Sierra Club. United Fund. and the American Medical Association

Special Interest Organizations Advertising, air travelers, alumni antique collectors, arts athletic, auto, beach and tennis, campers, chess. Democratic Party, farmers, flying, fun, health, music, parents Parents Without Partners, pensioners, press. Republican Party, saddle and cycle, salesmen, ski, social, TOPS, Weight Watchers, and yacht

While planning programs for organizations one should keep in mind the philosophy and objectives of the club These will determine the type of program that is to be presented

Organizing an Extracurricular Program

Guidelines for the Teacher

Many schools organize a single activity club whenever the interest arises. Thus, after a few years, a school with interested students may have four or five speech oriented organizations. An unfortunate aspect of this is that it often leads to cliques and little carry-over between clubs.

Instead of many clubs, each with a single activity, one might consider a single performers guild encompassing all aspects of speech-oriented activities. The various speech areas could be divisions within the single organization. Stress should be on students to work in more than one area. This would help eliminate the clique factor and contribute to broader opportunities for the interested student.

The organization needs organization Too often schools struggle through year after year with an inefficient and generally ineffective organization. First, the needs of the students should be determined, then procedures of operation should be developed, and duties for both students and advisors should be outlined. A handbook should be written detailing the various offices and jobs along with the responsibilities and specific duties of each. In addition, the club constitution and introductory explanations of club processes should be included. This material could be made available in handbook form and given to any student interested in participating in any phase of the program. Many beginners do not realize the extent of offerings in any program. This would help eliminate this problem.

Now that one has organization, what does he do with it? The two most common activities are plays and contests. Producing plays should not be much of a problem for an advisor trained in speech. Oddly enough, the most complex of the speech arts is usually the easiest to bring to fruition.

Contests seem to generate more difficulty for the beginning advisor. In the spring, The Illinois High School Association offers three elimination tournaments on the district, sectional, and State levels. The Illinois Elementary School Association offers similar competition under the heading of literary contests. The National Forensics League offers to its members a district contest in the spring and a national tournament during the summer.





There is an abundance of opportunities in the invitational tournaments. These are contests hosted by individual schools and sanctioned by the Illinois High School Association. The contests may be for debate, individual speech events, or a combination of the two fields. Rules and procedures, although usually following the general format and rules set up by the Illinois. High School Association, do vary somewhat in the different tournaments. This modification gives the contestant the challenge of adapting to various formats in addition to competing with other students.

A monthly list of all Illinois High School Association sanctioned contests in debate and individual events is published in *The Illinois Interscholastic*. By reading copies of this magazine from the past year, one can ascertain which schools hosted tournaments, and when Normally, letters at the beginning of the school year to these host schools will bring more invitations than the sponsor, the students, and the budget can handle in the first year. One Illinois school began its contest program only six years ago: it now has over 400 students involved and attends approximately thirty-five contests in debate and the same number in individual events.

In addition to a contest program, a sponsor must also set up an appealing intramural program. The beginners and students who are not so talented should be actively recruited, these students must not be ignored. A program is not truly educational if an advisor caters only to the needs of the few really talented individuals. The intramural program should be emphasized just as strongly as the contest situation.

Once an organization is established, one should then consider membership in a national honor society for the speech arts. This avenue is an inexpensive way to build pride in the participating students and prestige for the field in the minds of the school and community population. Affiliation in such an organization also promotes goals for further achievement. The International Triespian Society and the National Forensics League both have incentive plans of advanced degrees. Membership for the student is not an end, but a beginning For further information, one may wish to write.

Mr Leon C Millar, Executive Secretary International Thespian Society College Hill Station Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

Mr Lester Tucker, Executive Secretary National Forensics League Ripon College Ripon, Wisconsin 54971

Guidelines for the Administrator

Employ a well-trained personable, competent specialist in the field. This person should have a major in speech, theatre, public address or broadcasting, a master's degree would be even better. The same care should be used in choosing a speech arts advisor as one would use in selecting a director of athletics, a band director, or a teacher of math. A strong





speech activities program will have a great educational impact on the student body

As many teachers as are needed for the extracurricular program should be employed and compensated adequately It is futile for a high school of 1,000 students, with 200 interested in speech activities, to expect one teacher to handle the program. More than one person is needed to coach debate, individual events, and to direct dramatics. In addition to compensation for speech advisors, further support of whatever nature is needed should be readily available. Extracurricular compensation should be more than a token of appreciation, it should reflect the nature of the work and the many hours involved.

The budget for extracurricular and curricular speech should be comparable to that of any other department in relation to the number of students served. Except for theatrical and television equipment, speech has little need for numerous equipment and apparatus expenditures.

Finally, the guidance counselors can and should assist the speech arts advisor to get top-notch talent. The scholastically inefficient student can benefit from the program, marry improve in other subjects after acquiring the sweet taste of success in speech. It should not be their special domain, however, just as it should not be limited only to honor students, debaters, or the individual events team. Speech, speech training, and speech activities are for anyone who wants to participate.





CHAPTER IV

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM FOR BASIC SPEECH COURSE

Curriculum patterns in oral communications most frequently fall into three categories (1) the basic course, (2) integrated units, (3) advanced or specialized courses. This chapter will offer guidelines for a fundamentals course.

Course Organization and Presentation

The two diverse patterns presented as characteristic of the basic course vary in content, presentation, and organization Dr Karl F Robinson has indicated three basic approaches used in the teaching of speech These are (1) the elements approach (2) the activities approach, and (3) the combination approach

- 1 The elements approach requires goals units, and methods to be planned so that fundamentals are taught through drill talks, oral reading, or any other suitable vehicle with stress upon the mastery of the fundamental habits to be developed. For all practical purposes, then, the mastery of fundamental processes or skills is the goal of such speech instruction.
- 2 The activities approach rests upon the selection of an experience (activity) such as conversation, discussion, etc. as a vehicle through which the fundamentals are taught. The emphasis is upon the activity as an end and the fundamentals as a means.
- 3 The combination approach is described as the most usable in high school speech instruction. Here motivation for development of speech fundamentals is secured through activities, with the elements approach provid-

ing repeated experiences in the use of particular basic skills determined by diagnosis of individual needs."

The Basic Course

Traditionally the basic course has appeared in the school curriculum in two major patterns. First, as the introductory course in a sequence of offerings in oral communication, and second, as the single and terminal course in speech fundamentals.

The Introductory Basic Course

The introductory basic course is designed to provide initial training in fundamental skills and techniques and to enable the student to participate more effectively in future courses of the total speech program. Curriculum planners in such a situation will place the major emphasis upon a selected few of the fundamental skills of oral communication. A teacher or administrator planning such a course will select those skills which, in light of personal and institutional philosophies, seem most appropriate to the needs of his students. For example, the school system located in the midst of an area whose citizenry is characteristically identified by a particular manner of speech, which calls adverse attention to itself, will place the major portion of the emphasis in a basic course upon articulatory skills in voice and diction. Schools located in what might

Robinson Dr Karl F. Teaching Speech in the Secondary Schools. New York Longmans. Green and Company. Inc. 1954.





be termed a more sophisticated environment will find it possible to give more attention to language and speech preparation in their basic course. Thus, we find underprivileged schools emphasizing vocal mechanics in their speech programs with therapy and correction and structural bases for speech training while schools in more affluent suburban areas are more likely to utilize a linguistic approach. In either case, the emphasis is placed upon the development of skills, and attention to speech forms are left as the major objectives of succeeding courses in the oral communication sequence.

All schools will want to utilize the students first curricular experience as a means of developing poise and self-confidence in the field of oral communication

The Terminal Basic Course

In the terminal basic course the educational objectives take on new dimensions. Since this is the only course where formal attention will be given to his speech education, it is necessary that fundamental preparation in all speech skills and forms be provided for the student. The emphasis still will be placed upon those elements of most value to a particular student population but the minimum requirements must be met in all other areas of speech fundamentals. In addition, the instructor in the terminal course must motivate his students toward increasing their speech proficiency without direct supervision, and help them develop standards of evaluation which will enable them to judge not only their own speaking, but also the speaking of others.

Integrated Units

A further extension of the implementation of formal speech training in English classes is found in a structural pattern which provides for six weeks of specific instruction in oral communication at each English class level. Unfortunately, too often, the scheduling problem involved makes it impractical to provide a specially trained instructor for the speech units, and most English leachers under current educational pressures find it difficult to give their unqualified support to a unit of such length. To be most effective, the fundamental principles taught in the specific speech unit must be integrated into the work of the entire school year. When sufficient emphasis is placed upon the presentation of well-planned units, successfully integrated throughout the full years work for three or four years, an excellent learning situation results.

One of the most effective formats of integration has emerged in the last few years in the form of team teaching situations. Such programs provide an opportunity for successful integration in that they possess not only the possibilities inherent in any class, but also the added advantage of making it possible to have exceptionally well-qualified personnel for the teaching of oral communication. One of the largest schools in the State has an effective program of this nature in operation in its junior and senior English classes. Each group of team teachers contains at least one teacher with a speech major or minor. This individual assumes the responsibility for the presentation and evaluation of any work categorized as an oral communication skill or form. Thus,





when the drama unit is presented, it is taught by the speech-trained instructor

The possibilities for the use of the techniques of discussion debate various forms of public speaking parliamentary procedure, socio-drama, and oral interpretation in the field of social studies are endless. Possible integration combinations between oral communication and other subject matter areas are numerous. Since most classroom activity is dependent upon oral communication, the integration of the subject matter of any one particular class and the fundamental skills and forms of speech simply awaits the initiative of interested and qualified school personnel.

Advanced Courses

Consideration should be given to these subject matter areas identified as advanced and or specialized courses. Such courses include offerings in public speaking, dramatics, radio-television debate discussion, and oral interpretation.

In those schools that offer a series of courses in the field of oral communication with a fundamentals course as the initial prerequisite any succeeding courses can be considered advanced courses.

One will find curricular patterns where a basic course and specialized courses are not offered in sequence. The most frequent example of this has been public speaking and drama courses. The same subject matter may occur in either advanced or specialized courses. Whether these courses are offered in sequence or not, it is desirable that all speech edu-

cation be planned and programmed as a unified effort aimed at developing students who are proficient in speech

General Objectives

To aid the student to attain a level of performance in all of the areas of speech so that adverse attention will not be called to any one skill

To assist the student in his ability to identify the communication achievements of man

To help the student to observe the relationships between effective speaking and listening and success in economic, social, educational, and political activities

To help the student to recognize the interrelai: onships between speaking and listening

To raise the level of skills so that speech should be artistic and aesthetic as well as functional

Specific Objectives

For students to acquire

A theory of oral communication and its importance in a democratic society

Skills of critical listening

Techniques of gathering information

Techniques of speech organization and composition in an informative speaking situation

Skills of delivery in an informative speaking situation.





The ability to adapt skills of organization, composition, and delivery to the peculiar demands of persuasive speaking Awareness and appreciation of the related speech arts

Objective One

To enable students to develop

A theory of oral communication and its importance in a democratic society

Teacher Activities

Show the students an appropriate film on communication Follow it with a class discussion on the nature and importance of the speaker as a human transmitter

Assign readings from appropriate textbooks in speech on the importance of the speaker's attitude

Assign readings from the United States Constitution related to freedom of speech

Explain the problems of communication, including stage fright

Invite qualified experts to discuss laws of libel, slander, and verbal contracts

Let the students learn the general purposes and forms of public speaking, i.e. to inform, to persuade, to convince, and to entertain

Student Activities

Give speeches on the topic. "The Responsibilities of Citizens as Speakers in a Democracy"

Discuss the question What is the Responsibility of the Teen-ager When He Speaks on Public Issues?

Make a survey, over a twenty-four hour period, which seeks to determine the type and extent of speech going on around them

Make up a brief message and write it on a slip of paper. Have one person communicate your message to the class without using words. Compare the length of time the non-verbal communication takes with the time it would take to deliver the nessage through speech.

Analyze the varying purposes of the content of newspapers, radio, and television programs

Bring various samples of printed speeches, from *Vital Speeches*, newspapers, and speech anthologies, and analyze them in a class to determine their general purpose, organization, and techniques

Give two-minute speeches to illustrate the responsibility demonstrated by those statesmen discussed in John F Kennedy's *Profiles in Courage*.

Give impromptu speeches on real and immediate teen-age problems

Find and read articles in which famous actors, speakers, or entertainers discuss their mastery of stage fright. Compete in listing nonverbal messages on the chalkboard (i.e. car honking, traffic light, train whistle, shrugging shoulders, facial grimace, etc.)

Objective Two
To help students to develop
Skills of critical listening

Teacher Activities

Develop a unit on listening Include explanation of the effect of the listener on the speaker demonstrations that people tend to hear what they want to hear, films on listening, definition of feedback, the importance of eye contact and the need for the speaker to. Listen to the listener

Student Activities

Prepare short objective type quizzes which are to be given immediately after the students finish a speaking assignment. The student giving the test will correct and score the test to see how much was learned by the listener. Raise hands when a speaker cannot easily be heard. Discuss the content and the delivery of speeches to determine how well they listened.

Listen to records, tapes, and speakers over the radio, and take immediate tests to check recall abilities, comprehension, and rates of listening improvement

Take standardized tests of listening

React to evaluation by the speaker of their listening behavior as an audience

Evaluate at grading time their listening behavior.

Objective Three

To help students to learn

Techniques in gathering information

Teacher Activities:

Make arrangements for the students as a class to use the instructional materials center

Show a filmstrip on how to use the library, or mimeograph a set of instructions on library research

 D_{τ} monstrate with a model set of research materials the aspects of recording, filing, and evaluating material.

Assign readings in textbooks on research techniques. Explain the necessity of objectivity in research

Explain the various types of information

Student Activities.

Select a subject and gather information from three different types of sources.

Begin a filing system which can be used in the preparation of a subsequent speech

Find an issue upon which two sources say opposite things. Supply information in a question the answer to which requires investigation of several sources

Complete the research necessary for an informative speech



Objective Four

To help students to learn

Speech organization and composition in an informal speaking situation

Teacher Activities

Explain proper methods of outlining a speech, including the types and purposes or introductions and conclusions. Give each student the organizational procedure preferred for a given type of speech. The following are questions the students should ask in evaluating the speech situation.

What do I want to say?
Why do I want to say it?

Who are the listeners? Their age? Their sex? Their interests affiliations, and biases? Their number? Their degree of knowledge and motivation

Where are the listeners?

What is my time limit?

What is the occasion?

Will speakers precede and/or follow me?

Assign readings in textbooks on organization of ideas and materials

Assign readings in textbooks on speech composition

Play recordings of famous speeches

Prepare exercises containing lists of ideas for the students to arrange into a pattern i.e. topical, chronological, spacial, logical, problem-solution cause-effect

Develop the theme that effective language is understood.

unobtrusive, clear, descriptive, and precise,

Present a list of sample topics to be used as a springboard for selection of other topics.

Explain the steps a student may take in choosing a topic, such as general purpose of the speech, time alloted, type of audience, personal interest, resources available

Student Activities

Outline various amples of printed speeches from *Vital Speeches*, newspapers, and speech anthologies

Outline your own speeches

Present speeches to inform using a consistent pattern of organization

Prepare and deliver only the introduction to a proposed speech

Rewrite the introduction and conclusion to a previously published speech

View movies and television performances and report on the significance of the language used

Keep records of growing vocabularies

Perform pantomines, charades, creative dramatics, and impersonations in order to develop effective gestural languages

Report on the use of imagery in language in the different media. i.e. books. conics. radio, and television

Compare speeches of information, persuasion, and entertainment for verbal differences in style





Compare editorials in newspapers with written texts of speeches

Prepare speeches which carefully and deliberately employ audiovisual devices

Prepare an inventory of personal interests, experiences, hobbies, group affiliations, likes and dislikes

Arrive at a specific topic by means of free association with any object or idea at hand

Objective Five

To help students to develop

Skills of delivery in an informative speaking situation

Teacher Activities

Develop a unit in voice and articulation. Include definitions of articulation, pitch, rate, pronunciation, resonance, enunciation, diction, loudness, quality, and projection.

Work on the nature of the operation of the larynax, articulators, resonators, and breathing apparatus

Most students breathe normally and effectively, except when under emotional stress. Students with apparently abnormal breathing should be referred to a speech correctionist.

Present a unit on gesture. Include its universality, purpose, types, and the importance of spontaneity.

Show some old silent movies to demonstrate changes in styles of bodily action

Compliment all student performances first before pointing out areas for change

Suggest methods to control stage fright

Show video tapes and films of representative examples of effective delivery

Explain the techniques of delivery, i.e., phrasing, emphasis, timing, spontaneity, pauses, eye contact, vocal variety

Stress the dangers of distractions by sounds, body, or dress

Student Activities:

classroom dictionary

Record own speech performances and analyze what is heard.

Make lists of articulation errors, correct these and practice the corrected forms using a tape recorder

Present speeches using different types of voice, i.e., nasal, loud, soft, etc.

Listen to tapes and recordings of different types of voices and describe and characterize good and poor vocal qualities.

Read short passages with different inflections and pitch patterns

Memorize short selections and present them with vigor. Read different literary passages using different rates, have classmates determine which rate was most effective Learn to use the pronunciation key found in school or





Practice proper breathing, articulation, pronunciation rate of speaking and proper pitch and pitch placement Perform pantomimes charades, creative dramatics, and impersonations in order to develop effective gestures. Present speeches with effective gestures. Present speeches with hands tied behind back to demonstrate importance of gestures to meaning. Bring to class pictures demonstrating bodily action. Talk about stage fright to classmates. Practice methods of relaxation. Observe delivery techniques in a video tape playback. Give a series of impromptu speeches, each one emphasizing a specific technique of delivery. Participate in heckling speeches.

Objective Six

To help students to learn

How to adapt skills of organization, composition, and delivery to the peculiar demands of persuasive speaking

Teacher Activities

Explain the uses and dangers of propaganda devices Explain the nature of biases, prejudices, and stereotypes Compare and contrast principles of idea arrangement in informative and persuasive speaking Compare and contrast the role of introductions and conclusions in informative and persuasive speeches illustrate the importance of word connotation in persuasion

Explain differences between logical and emotional thinking Explain the place of ethics in the persuasive process Emphasis the critical importance of audience acceptance in persuasion

Student Activities.

Present a persuasive speech

Write a report differentiating between a speech composed primarily of conjecture and opinion as opposed to one using factual data and logical proofs

Discuss the meaning of truth, truth-value, accuracy, good thinking, and reasoning by intuition

Build a model for demonstrating the principle of sorting out similar items of information or data

Listen to a series of messages and criticize them for their logic or lack of logic

Listen to the teacher read a series of short paragraphs which are representative of different types of fallacies of thinking and criticize them

Deliver a speech using propaganda devices.

Deliver a sales talk

Give some examples of positive and negative persuasion

Objective Seven

To help students to develop

An awareness and appreciation of the related speech arts An overview of related speech arts such as discussion, debate, interpretation, drama, and broadcasting



Suggestions to The Teacher of The Fundamentals Course

The teacher should have clear definitions of the elements or factors of the oral communication process. These elements should be separated sufficiently to provide curriculum development into well defined and well developed units of work.

The fundamentals course will require time for individual student's analysis of the student's speech skills, record keeping, individual practice, and individual motivation. Changing basic habits of voice, body action, listening, and language is not easy and the teacher should be wary about becoming discouraged. Such a reaction would diminish the value of the course to the students. Inasmuch as drill forms a large part of such a course, the teacher will want to emphasize, immediately, positive reinforcement of new patterns of behavior

The following is an example of a suggested course of study. (This is meant only to be used as a model for the teacher to adapt to his own purposes)

Orientation and theory of oral communication

Listening

Information gathering

Speech organization and composition

Delivery skills

Persuasion

Discussion and debate

Oral interpretation

Educational drama

Broadcasting



For teacher readiness

Expect more of your students than they expect of themselves

Select and use a modern textbook in fundamentals. Use student records and autobiographies

For classroom activity.

Create an atmosphere of friendliness and permissiveness to speak.

Get acquainted early and well

Have students introduce themselves or each other to the class

Have students sit in different seats each day of the first week and ask students to introduce and talk with classmates before each class begins

Have students make notes on data given by students' introductions to be used later in making audience analysis for preparing speeches.

Have students discuss the meaning, role, importance, and value of criticism in the speech class

Encourage all students to recognize differences, importance, and human value of each class member

Encourage students to express personal thoughts and feelings without having such expressions evaluated in any way.

Acquaint students with the objectives of the course.



Have community leaders come to class and testify on the importance of speech education

Have students interview citizens to answer the question. What are the values of studying public speaking? Have students report the results of their interview to the class. Have students cooperate with teacher in working out a mutually satisfactory set of objectives for the course.

Begin with comparatively easy speaking assignments Let students remain in their seats for initial discussions. Use group activity in initial assignments Encourage students to select topics which are derived from their own fund of experiences.

Organize the students speaking assignments carefully Determine speaking assignments well in advance Prepare schedules of speaking groups and order of appearance and post these in advance Do not postpone firm assignments. Set time limits for the speeches and adhere to them Always provide time for criticism Use timocards and timekeepers.

Involve students early and successfully

Get all students to speak about something the first day or two

Invite the more reserved students to help handle class-room routine

Use students as chairmen of student performances.

Invite student evaluation after the first half of the course. That will allow time for the students to accept and adopt an evaluation pattern from the teacher's remarks about stu-

dent speeches

Employ criticism for positive reinforcement rather than as a threat system

Immediate reinforcement of student behavior is desirable All performances should be evaluated during the class period in which they are given

Early in the course the criticism will be conducted by the teacher with student contributions occurring as rapport develops

The positive will be accented first with negative comments following

Criticism will always be of the performance, never of the student.

Utilize the school and community resources.

Have public leaders speak to the class both for content and as exemplars

Have students enter into speech situations in church, club, school, and community activities.

Have students participate in the school's speech activity programs

Utilize local libraries, museums, factories, social institutions, and the facilities of the radio, television, and press.



Suggested Types of Speaking

Impromptu Speaking

Often a person must speak on the spur of the moment Such speaking is called impromptu speaking Many of the activities of the public speaking course should be designed to give students experience in this form of speaking Specific assignments, with students bringing topics to class on slips of paper, are excellent From these slips each student can draw a topic at random for impromptu speaking

Extemporaneous Speaking

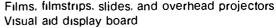
A common type of speech situation is one in which a person carefully prepares his message but does not read it from manuscript. This is called extemporaneous speaking Many class assignments will be of this type. In such cases, notes may or may not be used by the speaker as the teacher sees fit.

Manuscript Speaking

Public speaking occasions often call for a carefully prepared statement. Students will have several class assignments in which speeches will be carefully written and read or memorized.

Suggested Classroom Equipment and Materials

Audio. cassette. and video tape recorders Full-length mirror



Chalk board

Pointer

Television camera and receiver

Speaker's stand

Stopwatch and time cards

Subscription to daily and weekly news sources, and to *Vital Speeches*

A good public speaking anthology

A set of tuning forks, pitch pipes, and apparatus to demonstrate breathing, preferably a Herring's apparatus

An 8 mm sound movie camera

Full set of practice exercises for articulation, breathing,

pitch, and speaking rate

Dictionaries for each student

Polaroid camera

Variety of supplemental books





CHAPTER V

DISCUSSION AND DEBATE

Considerable confusion exists in the minds of many school people about the meaning of the terms discussion and debate. For this reason this chaper begins with a careful definition of these two activities which are central to the effective operation of a democratic form of a social and political way of life.

Definitions1

Discussion

Discussion, properly understood, is the cooperative deliberation of problems by persons thinking and conversing together in face-to-face or co-acting groups under the direction of a leader for purposes of understanding and action. It is cooperative, it is reflective, it is thought in process, it is an attempt to apply a scientific method to personal and social problems of fact, value, and policy. It is most certainly democratic, indeed the principal strengths and weaknesses are those of democracy. On the positive side it brings our best critical thinking to bear on our common problems. It is a great respecter of the individual and his integrity. Authoritarianism, dictatorship, force, orders and commands have little or no place in discussion.

Debate

But there are weaknesses and shortcomings in discussion What if people can't agree? What if no consensus can be

Definitions from James H. McBurney. The Role of Discussion and Debate in a Democratic Society. The Bulletin of the Secondary School Principals Volume 3. Number 187. May 1952. 22.

reached? If the problem is academic, we agree to disagree and depart with better understanding. If, however, the problem is practical and immediate, we must reach a decision, a basis for action. Not all people are reasonable, and time is often limited. When the limits of discussion have been reached, the only reasonable recourse—is debate—Debate is a competition between opposing outcomes of thought between positions which are logically incompatible. Legislative debate, by all odds the most important, takes place under some form of parliamentary procedure. Motions are made and debated—Forensic debate takes place under special judicial regulations.

In summary, discussion is the cooperative process of arriving at a solution. Debate is the process of beginning with a solution and attempting to secure its adoption by means of persuasion governed by greed upon rules of procedure

General Objectives of Discussion and Debate

To provide the student with an opportunity to learn how to think effectively and listen critically

To help him to communicate effectively his thoughts or social, political, and economic problems

To help him learn to n.2ke relative judgments

To help him find ways to discriminate among values

Specific Objectives of Discussion

To enable students to develop the ability



To describe the nature of discussion and its importance in a democracy

To select suitable problems for discussion activities

To use steps of orderly and scientific social problemsolving

To use techniques of preparation for discussion

To use concepts and techniques of group leadership in discussion

To use attitudes which are essential to good discussion

Suggested Learning Activities

Objective One

To enable students to realize

The nature of discussion and its importance in a democracy

Teacher Activities

Present to the class the film, *Public Opinion*, distributed by Encyclopaedia Britannica

Lecture on the widespread use of discussion in business, government, labor, and the professions

Assign readings from appropriate texts concerning the uses of discussion

Present students with clear definitions of discussion, debate, and conversation

Student Activities

View television public service shows which are announced as debates, discussions, panels, and forums. Learn to analyze the differences in terms of the definitions presented in class.

Read transcripts of discussions and debates and prepare oral or written analysis designed to distinguish between the two forms

Read materials on inductive and deductive reasoning and discuss the question. Which method is more like discussion and which is more like debate?

Listen to conversations which are impromptu and casual and have the students characterize them in terms of their similarities and differences regarding discussion.

Discuss the question, "Is cooperation or competition the more normal mode of human behavior?"

Discuss the question. Can there be differences of opinion in a good discussion?

Characterize the differences in the speech habits of citizens of totalitiarian states from those of citizens in a democracy

Discuss the meaning of the Bill of Rights as it relates to freedom of the press, speech, and assembly

Objective Two

To enable students

To select suitable problems for discussion activities.



Lecture on the topic. Problems Are Classifiable Include references to problems of policy, value, and fact Indicate problems that are classifiable as social, political, economic, moral, educational, and ethical Indicate problems that are personal, local, national, and international

Teacher Activities

Assign readings from textbooks of discussion invite other teachers to the class to speak on the various types of problems they are educated to solve Lecture on the differences between discussion as a method for securing group action and as a method for improving individual understanding

Student Activities

Prepare lists of problems which are peculiar to school. community, and age group (From these have a master list prepared)

Take a test which consists of lists of various types of problems and which calls for classifying the problems

Interview school and community leaders in order to prepare a list of local problems considered worthy of student discussion

List all the clubs represented by the group, and describe the types of problems which are peculiar to each group Rank in order these problems as ones most desired to be solved and those least desired to be solved Develop criteria for selecting a suitable problem Objective Three

To be able to organize

Steps of orderly and scientific social problem-solving

Teacher Activities

Lecture on the need for orderliness in discussion Present students with the John Dewey formula for group problem-solving ¹

Have a felt problem

Define and limit the problem

Analyze the problem

Consider all possible solutions

Set up criteria for selecting suitable solutions

Determine the best possible solution

Put the solution into operation

Make continued evaluation of the solution

Invite a science or mathematics teacher to class to discuss the topic, "What is the Scientific Method?"

Present films on the methods of science

Student Activities

Memorize the Dewey formula for group problem-solving Read a case study of a problem solved by a group and analyze the process using the Dewey formula

Role-play a social problem by going through the entire process of problem-solving in an abbreviated fashion

Dewey John How We Think New York D. C. Heath and Company 1933





Prepare persuasive speeches using the steps of group problem-solving as the guide for the organization of the speech

Take each of the Dewey steps in order and discuss techniques for recognizing when a group has successfully accomplished each step

Discuss the question. Why is a definition like a fence?

Objective Four

To learn

Techniques of preparing for a discussion

Teacher Activities

Develop a teaching unit on gathering, analyzing, and organizing data

Include

Information on using the library

Gathering data by interviews

Using own personal experiences

Preparing a set of questions to test utility of information Taking notes and organizing them in a filing system

Student Activities.

Prepare a discussion guide which includes a statement of the problem-solving step in which the group is involved. Questions for the discussion period, and major items of information considered useful for the discussion



Evaluate each others degree of preparation for the discussion

Agree before the discussion what the general agenda for discussion will be (This means the chairman will have to prepare a preliminary discussion guide)

Prepare the physical setting of the discussion so as to insure face-to-face seating, a quiet atmosphere, and order in carrying on the discussion

Select a chairman and recording secretary if needed.

Objective Five

To master

Concepts and techniques of group leadership in a discussion

Teacher Activities:

Develop a teaching unit on !eadership—concepts and techniques

Include:

Assignments on the meanings of the term leadership History of different types of human leadership Films related to leadership and its development Discussions on the differences between leadership in a democracy and a dictatorship

Student Activities

Prepare papers describing the behavior of agreed upon school leaders

Engage in role-playing with each student having a chance to play roles of effective and ineffective leaders

Take turns in being group leaders for classroom activities Hold analytic sessions in which each student is evaluated by his classmates as to his successes and failures as a leader

Read from textbooks descriptions of the responsibilities of leaders

Have discussion leaders prepare a leadership planning chart which indicates all aspects of the situation which they think need to be structured and how they propose to structure them.

Prepare a vocabulary list which includes the words and phrases associated with good leadership and leadership techniques

Observe moderators on radio and TV and report on their leadership behavior

Discuss the question. How do people rise t hower positions?

Discuss the question Are there people who are nat all born leaders?

Objective Six

To develop

Attitudes which are essential in good discussion



- invite a scientist to class to discuss the question. What is the Attitude of Scientific Inquiry?
- Present films on the attitudes of scientific inquiry, followed by class discussion
- Develop a unit in critical listening (See other sections of this guide for help in units in listening)

Student Activities

- Prepare short verbal descriptions of all the favorable and unfavorable attitudes associated with discussion (These may be taken from most textbooks on discussion or developed by student discussions)
- Take examples of the verbal descriptions and assign individuals various types of attitudes to be role-played in case studies of discussion problems
- Discuss the question. How can we understand another's point of view?
- Critically examine the behavior of all participants of a discussion in relationship to their attitudes during a given discussion
- During a discussion, keep a log of comments made about their attitudes and prepare a personal profile of changes in the amount and types of comments made during the discussion class period
- During a discussion, practice restating other's messages, delaying responses to other s messages, and probing other s messages by well thought out questions





Undertake certain types of attitudinal roles without the knowledge of classmates (Follow this with a discussion on how students handled the instance)

Objective Seven

To master

Techniques for participating in discussion

Teacher Activities

Provide the student opportunities for discussion Prepare a teaching unit on discussion techniques Include

Techniques for arranging physical aspects of discussion room

Techniques for listening

Techniques for using visual aids

Techniques for taking notes, analyzing progress, and generalizing group progress

Techniques for introducing participants and making them feel comfortable

Student Activities

Participate in practice discussions using the techniques Prepare a notebook in which various types of group discussions are described noting the specific techniques associated with each type

Use a tape recorder to make a record of a discussion, using the recording to study techniques of all participants

Act as evaluators who, following the discussion, evaluate the techniques used

View discussion in community situations or on TV and give an evaluative report on the techniques employed

Objective Eight

To learn to use

Types and forms of group organization for discussion

Teacher Activities

Prepare a teaching unit on Types and Forms of Public Discussion

Include

Instructions in panel, forum, symposium, colloquy, roundtable, brainstorming, buzz session, production conference, and interview panel

Assign textbook readings in each

Student Activities

Participate in each type as time permits

View local and TV discussions to report the type of organization used

Use the Dewey formula to determine which of the various types of discussion are most compatible with each of the steps

Take the three types of discussion problems, fact, policy, and value, and determine which of the forms is most compatible with each type



Analyze the various forms to determine which are most compatible with various sizes of listening audience, private discussion, various places, on TV radio, large auditoriums, and school classrooms

Prepare large visual charts to be posted in the classroom showing differences in seating arrangements characterizing each form

To the Teacher of a Discussion Course

Nowhere in the school curriculum is there a course which relies so much upon learning by doing Individuals learn how to be effective members of problem-solving groups by actually being members of such groups Participation is the keyword to an effective discussion class

The teacher should try to keep all problems discussed within the capabilities of the students. Problems drawn from the immediate environment are excellent for action, type discussion. Larger national and world problems are better when understanding is the end product of the discussion activity.

The teacher will want to think of the possibility of having the class spend an entire semester or year on a single major student-centered problem, such as. How can we improve our student government? or How can we get a Teen Town constructed? Students who engage in solving a long-range problem by employing the attitudes and techniques of democratic group problem solving will have had an experience unlike any other in their high school career

The discussion teacher will plan carefully but will not be a dictator. In the discussion a teacher will be objective analytical, permissive, firm, and authoritative in subject matter but not in teaching manner, and above all he will be observant of opportunities to make discussion real and vital

The discussion teacher will use every apportunity to have the students relate their classroom experiences to work in their school and community Radio and television will be widely used and the library and the interview method of gathering data will be explored and maximized

Discussion as a skill, is one of the most difficult of all communicative arts. Discussion should be introduced into the student's speech curriculum following a good beginning speech course in fundamentals or public speaking. If it is not, then the teacher should remember that much of the individual speaking skill will have to be dealt with at the same time that participation in group activity is being taught.

The discussion teacher will encourage classroom participants to engage in the school's speech festival program, and will help professionally to demand that more extra-school activity be provided for discussants. Each year the nation's high schools participate in a national debate program. This program is designed so that discussion activities can be developed to precede the debate activity of the year. Utilizing the national discussion-debate problem as the content for the discussion course is logical and valuable. Quantities of excellent materials are available for discussion on these topics from





the Illinois High School Association, the National University Extension Association and commerical suppliers

Specific Objectives of Debate

To develop the ability to

Define the meaning and function of debate in a democratic society

Formulate propositions for debate

Develop skills of research for case development

Develop the means of analyzing the debate proposition Organize and construct debate cases

Use the various forms of proof

Use the skills of refutation

Use cross-examination techniques in dehate

Understand the nature of style and ethics in persuasive speaking

Suggested Learning Activities

Objective One

To help students to understand Meaning and function of debate in a democracy

Teacher Activities

Assign readings from a variety of textbooks Invite a lawyer to class to discuss the topic. The practice of law as it relates to debate

Present students with a definition of debate relative to

other aspects of critical thinking and communication processes

Student Activities

Prepare and present a report on the roles of debating in government, advertising law and in school clubs and classes

Discuss the differences between arriving at a solution and selling a solution to a problem

Read some of the great debates of British and American history and discuss the topic. Debate in the American

Political Process

Visit a session of a court or legislative body

Objective Two

To help students to learn

How to formulate propositions for debate

Teacher Activities

Lecture on the various classification of problems, i.e.,

problems of fact, value, and policy

Distinguish between a problem and a proposition Give students sets of statements of different types of propositions to analyze until they can distinguish between them

Stress the characteristics of good debate propositions.

They should be debatable

They should contain only one assertion





They should be worded in the affirmative They should be worded without ambiguity They should advocate a shift from the status quo

Student Activities

Prepare several examples of propositions on current issues

Analyze propositions

Define the terms of a proposition

Take sides on several propositions in impromptu debates

Objective Three

To help students to develop

Skills of research for case development

Teacher Activities

Develop a unit on Investigating the Problem including

How to use the library

How to make interviews

How to reach original sources

Take students to the various college and university sponsored workshops where experts will be available for giving information

Invite experts of the community to lecture on various aspects of debate propositions

Obtain materials from the United States Office of Publications

Heip students attend workshops sponsored by the Office

of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

Become affiliated with the National Forensic League and use materials from that body

Arrange for students to attend local conventions sponsored by debate leagues

Student Activities.

In the library, locate assigned items of varying difficulty to test research abilities

Interview the librarian to learn about special sources for use by debaters

Duplicate findings to share with other members of the debate group

Visit nearby research centers such as university libraries and county law libraries

Report on each of the following as a research tool or source:

The Reference Shelf

The Congressional Digest

Current History

Congressional Record

Books in Print

Indexes from the United States Government Printing

Office

Facts on File

Deadline Data

Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science







Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature The Statistical Abstract of the United States

Objective Four

To have students comprehend Means of analyzing a debate proposition

Teacher Activities

Stress the importance of analysis in debating

Assign reading from debate textbooks on analysis of propositions

Consider the solutions available to a specific problem Determine the major and minor issues to be developed in a debate proposition

Take specific issues, prepare an analysis and present the analysis to classmates who are instructed to criticize

Discuss the distinction between general and specific issues of a proposition

Consider the relative advantages and disadvantages of a proposition

Objective Five

To develop students

To organize and construct debate cases

Teacher Activities

Identify the responsibilities of affirmative and negative positions in a debate



Lecture on and illustrate the basic types of affirmative and negative organizational structures

Stress the importance of language, internal summary, and transition in presenting debate speeches

Assign readings in textbooks on these subjects

Student Activities

Discuss the duties of the affirmative and negative as they apply to a specific proposition

Listen to several taped debates to identify the organizational structure

Read a debate to identify the organizational structure Listen to a taped debate and discuss the function of transitions and internal summaries

Outline and discuss the affirmative or negative case in a debate

Prepare a brief on the proposition selected for the national high school debate topic.

Prepare traditional and comparative advantage type outlines on the same proposition. Discuss the merits of each

Objective Six

To develop ability

To use the various forms of proof

Teacher Activities

Lecture or assign readings on the proper function of proof in both argumentation and persuasion



Assign readings on the tests of evidence and facilities of reasoning

Use excerpts from contemporary mass media to illustrate the use of proof and tests of evidence

Show films on the use of evidence and the process of reasoning

Student Activities

Prepare and present premises and assertions supported by evidence Criticize these performances

Read editorials and debates to determine the type, amount, reliability, validity, and fallacies

Present assertions which have pre-arranged fallacies in them to be analyzed by the class

Discuss bias prejudice, stereotypes, propaganda, ad hominem, non sequitur

Collect evidence and supporting material for the high school topic

Compose syllogisms and present to the class for discussion and testing

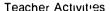
Find examples of analogy, present orally, and evaluate Present a three-minute speech in which a single idea is developed by use of statistical information

Present a three-minute speech using cause-effect relationships for full development

Objective Seven

To employ successfully

The skills of refutation



Assign readings on refutation from debate textbooks. Play tape recording of a high school debate demonstrat-

ing the role of refutation. If video tape equipment is available, use that

Take students to debate workshops

Have refutation practice

Student Activities

Criticize and evaluate the refutation of fellow members Tape record, or video tape record, own debates and analyze the refutation techniques.

Select specific issues and present them to classmates who in turn will refute them

Listen to the live debates on TV and write an analysis of the refutation techniques observed

Prepare a notebook of refutation techniques

Bring a newspaper editorial to class, summarize and refute the arguments it presents

Objective Eight

To develop skills in

Cross-examination techniques in debate

Teacher Activities

Lecture on the function of cross-examination Assign readings in textbooks





Student Activities

Present a copy of cross-examination session in a debate and discuss its effectiveness

Listen to a cross-examination session of a taped debate and evaluate

Prepare a series of cross-examination questions on an issue of a current debate proposition

Objective Nine

The student will

Understand the nature of style and the ethic of persuasive speaking in debate

Teacher Activities

Assign readings from debate textbooks

Play tape or video tape recordings of debates for students to analyze

Require debaters to have previous classroom work in public speaking

Lecture on the matter of ethics in persuasion

Student Activities

Speak at every possible opportunity with special attention to improving style and observing the ethics in persuasion Listen to other good debaters

Keep records of what is believed to be unethical practices in the debates heard

Speak before real audiences as much as possible, avoid

debates in empty rooms or before single judges, except when necessary at tournaments

Present debates before local clubs, school assemblies, and for the school's speakers bureau activity

Prepare a debater's code of ethics and good practice which will be posted in the debaters file box in the following is suggested

Never attack the personality of your opponent Never offer emotional appeals as substitutes for evidence

Never falsify, create, or distort evidence Never read a speech prepared by another

Never knowingly misquote or misinterpret a quotation

Never use a quotation as your own

Never, as an affirmative, conceal the definitions from your opponets

Never, as a negative, conceal that you propose a counter plan

Never openly disagree with a debate judge or with the decision of an audience

Never use more than your allotted time

Never refuse to appear for the debate as scheduled.

Never knowingly or willfully break any rules of a given tournament

To the Teacher or Director of Debate

There is no speech activity so effective as debate, particularly when preceded by discussion, to teach critical think-





ing impromptu speaking, effective listening and an acqua stance with the great living issues of our times

Debate teaching is difficult but rewarding

Debate education is often considered as suitable only for the better students. There is much truth in this assertion, however, if debate is taught in a regular class, all students should have the opportunity to be instructed in it.

Good debate instruction requires the utilization of an entire school and community. Cooperation should be the key to the debate teacher's personality. The teacher also should be able to think clearly and to teach clear thinking.

Debating requires and depends upon competition. The debate teacher will want to engage other schools in such competition. Contest debating however should not become an end in itself where collecting of trophies becomes more important than the educational objectives of the activity.

Intramural debating, in larger schools is often as rewarding as inter-school debate contests. The presence of audiences is fundamental to the best type of speech education.

The teacher of debate will want to begin the debate season by preceding with discussion. For beginning debate teachers the use of a discussion-debate textbook is a necessity. Debaters should have written materials to provide the guidance in achieving all of the objectives set forth in this guide.

The debate teacher should be aware that students often quit debate just before their first competition. This is a normal fear avoidance, and knowing it, the teacher will be able to prevent many students from missing one of the finest experiences of their lives.

Materials and Equipment

A good library

Supplemental books, magazines pamphlets

Speakers stands

Tape recorders

A video tape recorder and camera

Note card files

A budget for expendable instructional materials





CHAPTER VI

ORAL INTERPRETATION

The art of oral interpretation is a vital part of the development of a well-rounded speech student. Instruction in the skills of oral reading will therefore be a part of a full program of speech education.

Definition

Oral interpretation is the communication of the thoughts and the feelings of an author's work to an audience without distortion. In oral reading, we are interested primarily in transmitting experience. Reports, the minutes of the last meeting, news broadcast, etc., are read. Oral interpretation involves the sharing of both meaning and feeling with listeners. The voice and body are so used that the listener is aware of both the denotative and connotative values of the literature being read As an interpreter, the reader does not lose his own identity, although he may suggest character, age, sex, etc., with appropriate covert action and vocal variation. In impersonation. on the other hand, the reader pretends to be someone else He explicity suggests the character he is portraying, and he must have the full cooperation of his listeners in his pretense The person who is acting completely loses his identity. If we see him on stage as himself rather than as the character he is portraying, we say he is a bad actor

General Objectives of Oral Interpretation

To increase the student's appreciation of literature To improve all types of oral interpretation. To broaden the student's speech experiences.

To provide the student with worthwhile, vicarious experiences to supplement his own life-experiences

Specific Objectives

To help students.

To understand literature through analysis and evaluation. To think creatively and to strengthen their imaginations. To develop adequate vocal and body techniques for interpreting literature orally.

To read orally in such a way that self-confidence and poise are developed

To improve lie ability to listen

Suggested Learning Activities

Objective One

The students will

Understand literature through analysis and evaluation

Teacher Activities

Develop with the students a method of analyzing literature which will insure complete understanding of the material to be read by exploring both its intrinsic and extrinsic aspects

Discuss ideas found in good literature and what makes some literature better than others

Define the forms of imaginative literature (prose, poetry, drama) and the major factors which distinguish one form



from another Go into each genre in as much detail as possible, suggesting a defining problem to be found in each genre i.e. prose (narrative point of $v=v^1$, poetry (sound and rhythm), drama (character and dialogue)

Begin with a study or literary works which will appeal to the students

Begin specific analysis with a study of the persona speaker) and his dramatic situation (who is speaking, to whom, where, when, and why)

Note some of the techniques of literary style and structure (word choice, imagery, symbolism, climax, etc.) using specific examples. Emphasis should be upon how these literary techniques affect the oral interpretation of the work. Give attention to the mechanics of humor (exaggeration, understatement contrast, surprise twists in inflections, the pause, etc.)

Stress use of imagination and voice techniques for translating effects to an audience

Talk about selections in terms of film and television jargon. i.e., long shots, close-ups, pan, etc

Student Activities

In prose or drama, select a single work (novel, short story, or play) for general study and analysis. Select a portion of the work to read aloud as an individual reading, or divide the class into small groups to preset a portion of the work. In prose, make a special study of the narrative point of view.

and character. In drama, make a special study of the character, dialogue, and dramatic structure

In poetry, each student should present a selection from the same author. Present these readings in the form of a panel-recital with readers discussing the life of the author, quoting from critical evaluation, and reading from his representational works. Make a special lidy of imagery, sound, rhythm, structural balance, and the use of climax.

Write a précis of the selection to be read prior to the cutting of the selection

Complete a work sheet similar to the one which follows

Preparation Sheet for Oral Interpretation

Turn in this assignment sheet before reading. The instructor will have a conference regarding the reading if necessary

- 1 What are you going to read?
 - a Author
 - b Title
 - c Portion you are going to read (describe)
 - d Genre
- 2 Personal reasons for selecting this material
- 3 What is the dramatic situation?
 - a Who is speaking?
 - b To whom?
 - c Where?
 - d When?
 - e Why?





- (1) What is the speaker's intention in the immediate situation?
- 2. What is the author's intention in the larger literary unit?
- 4 From your own personal experience what do you know about the subject matter of this literature?
- 5 What are the technical problems of this particular selection?
- 6 What suggestions were given to you last time to help you improve the oral interpretation?
- 7 What has been done to improve?
- 8 How long will the reading take?
- 9 Outline of the introduction

Present panels classroom discussions, or individual reports on these elements of good literature for oral interpretation

Substance

Universality

Vividness of language

Insight into life

Aesthetic pleasure

Stimulation of the reader and listener

Personal individuality of the author

Make tape recordings of some of the poems studied in English classes. Put these tapes on file in the library for use by English teachers in poetry units.

Objective Two

The students will learn

To think creatively and to strengthen their imaginations

Teacher Activities

Utilize various forms of creative activity in the classroom Discuss with the students the nature of creativity and imagination

Present the Encyclopaedia Britannica film series on the humanities

Invite teachers of fine arts to discuss creativity and imagination in the arts

Student Activities

Extend a character, situation, or theme from a literary work through role-playing

Divide into groups and devise impromptu playlets

Present pantomime impressions of character, situations, and action suggested in literature

Initiate and develop a story line by passing the storytelling from one student to another

Interpret selections in such a way as to communicate a mood or meaning different from that which is ordinarily associated with that piece of literature

Take common items and devise similes and metaphors to describe these items

Characterize real, known people by use of similes and metaphors





Write and read parodies on well-known literature.

Study individual authors and groups of writers to discuss and read together in panels (Example Russian—Tolstoy, Chekhov, Gogol)

Listen to recordings of professionals reading and acting from the works of good writers

Give readings or recitals of selected material from great writers

Produce a taped radio show using a certain theme, writer, group of writers, country, etc

Objective Three

Students will demonstrate

Adequate vocal and body techniques for interpreting literature only

Teacher Activities

Use the tape recorder frequently to give students the opportunity to hear themselves. Point out vocal $e_{\lambda\hat{p}_i}$ ession problems, such as shades of meaning, emphasis and subordination, etc.

Use pantomimes, exercises, and games

Use choric reading to gain the most from voice types Group reading often helps students try vocal and body techniques that they will not do by themselves)

Emphasize what works well for one reader will not necessarily work for another, and that each student must discover his own best interpretative method

Student Activities:

Choose a poem or a descriptive paragraph from a story, essay, or favorite book for presentation in which emphasis will be placed upon.

Voice improvement

Body action in reading

Need for practice so that one can communicate whole ideas to the audience

Thinking and talking thoughts from the printed page Creation of vivid sense images

Techniques of phrasing

Present pantomines based on a story line or situation Identify the characters and story

Discuss vocal and body techniques after two or more readers have presented material before the group.

Objective Four

The students will use:

Oral interpretation in such a way as to develop selfconfidence and poise

Teacher Activities

Provide adequate opportunity for performance

Supervise the selection of material for each performance in order to assure that the student will have a satisfactory reading experience.

Stress adequate preparation as a means of insuring successful performance. Many short rehearsals are better





than one long one. Give the scene a chance to grow Follow each performance with critical analyses giving attention first to positive comments.

Student Activities

Participate in student assemblies, speech contests, and for various clubs and organizations in the school and community

Engage in constructive criticism of fellow students Keep a log of progress in those reading factors which have been problematical

Objective Five

The students will use

Oral interpretation in such a way as to improve ability to listen

Teacher Activities

Make use of some of the many good speech recordings available

Give frequent listening tests on readings which the students hear in class

Student Activities

Listen for enjoyment to discover how a superior reader uses various vocal techniques, or to compare the effectiveness of persons who are trained readers with those who are not

Evaluate each other, or take turns being 'critical observers' who make oral criticisms and suggestions Attend oral interpretative events at local contests and festivals and critically report on what was seen and heard

Suggested Units of Study

The Purpose and Uses of Oral Interpretation
Oral Interpretation as a Method of Preparation for Acting
Reading of Plays

Group Reading (Chamber Theater, Choral Reading, Readers Theatre)

Suggestions to the Teacher of an Oral Interpretation Course

The suggestions that have been made to the teacher in Chapter VI are applicable to a unit in oral interpretation. Other specific suggestions that apply to oral interpretation are:

Be especially permissive in the choice of literature for oral reading, the teacher should not impose his own likes and dislikes upon the student.

Acquaint the students with the reasons for good oral reading in a modern society. The objectives of the unit should be treated carefully and thoroughly

Have many anthologies, oral interpretation textbooks, magazines, collections of speeches, and other manuscripts of reading on hand in the classroom

Make arrangements for maximum use of the school library for books, magazines, movies, and recordings



Suggestions to English Teachers About Oral Interpretation

Oral Interpretation in the English classroom can enhance the teaching of literature considerably, whether the materials are read aloud by the instructor by the students, or by many fine recordings available today. Admittedly, the process takes more time than a let's read silently and discuss procedure, but students who hear the material read well aloud, or who prepare it for reading aloud, derive additional knowledge and pleasure from the literature, whether it be prose or poetry. Interpretation is an excellent way of studying literature because it demands that the student perceive. The oralyzing process involves active participation in the perception of the selection. Passivity is a completely impossible state for the oral reader.

It is strongly recommended here that the English instructor employ oral interpretation procedures to as much of the study of literature as the classroom time allows

Suggested Classroom Equipment and Materials

Tape recorders

A record player of good fidelity and a library of good recordings of literature

A collection of oral reading materials

A speaker's stand

not be disturbed

Film. filmstrip, slide, and overhead projectors

Adequate snace for movement of readers and furniture Appropriate classroom location so that other classes will

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CHAPTER VII

EDUCATIONAL DRAMA

The general public has become quite drama conscious via radio, television, professional and community theaters, motion pictures, and night clubs. An important medium for dissemination of dramatic activity which is often overlooked is the stage of the university, college, high school, or elementary school. Here we find acting, directing, and production techniques taught in the classroom and in the activities program.

Definition

Drama includes that area of interpretation called acting Acting necessitates an individual s playing a role other than himself in some type of dramatic vehicle, with appropriate costume makeup, and setting for the primary purpose of presentation before an audience Educational drama, as opposed to professional drama, is not necessarily determined by box office but by the many important and desirable benefits that acting can bring to the student participant

General Objectives

Educational drama should be produced in keeping with high standards of performance and professional competency. The usual drama course or activity also seeks to

Provide the school and community with a constructive form of recreation

Provide experiences in curricular and co-curricular activities for the attainment of the general educational goals

Contribute to the development of the basic skills of oral communication

Teach cooperative attitudes

Develop creativity

Provide for the opportunity of unifying and integrating various departments of the school

Teach standards and skills of evaluating the varied areas of the modern entertainment field

Develop a broader cultural and aesthetic background. Develop a better understanding of one's fellowman and an appreciation for human dignity.

Specific Objectives

To enable students to learn

The skills and techniques of developing and projecting a character

The technical skills of backstage production which are an integral part of play presentation.

The techniques of directing which combine the skills of acting and technical production.

The values of good business practices that are a part of running a successful box office.

The importance of theatrical history and the cultural and aesthetic values of dramatic literature

The skills of literary and dramatic criticism.

The elements related to gaining an appreciation of drama.





Objective One

To enable students to learn

The skills and techniques of developing and projecting a character

Teacher Activities

Let dramatic activities grow out of the students imaginations and experiences by approaching the teaching of drama to beginning students with creative dramatics Relegate the use of scripts in a semester's course to the

last few weeks of the teaching unit

Get the students emotionally identified with characters, and naturalness of expression and appropriate projection of meaning will usually follow

Relax students by showing how shyness or self-consciousness can be minimized by concentrating less on self and more on other people

Invite professional actors or leaders in the community drama to speak or demonstrate

Show films demonstrating excellent performances

Student Activities

Organize, rehearse, and present group pantomimes with no more than three or four in a group, followed by presentation of individual pantomimes

Compose a list of good characteristics of pantomime, or whatever activity is being worked on, and use these as criteria for evaluating performances

Pantomime inanimate objects, e.g., nail being driven into a board, to stimulate imagination, effective body action, and facial expression.

Practice numerous acting exercises of action situations that require large, vigorous, and abandoned action for the purpose of eliminating tiny, cramped movements and for releasing physical and emotional inhibitions

Improvise situations with actions and words

Compose original monologues for presentation—extemporized or written

Write and present original skits or short one-acts (Writing may be done individually or in groups)

Perform improvisations

Pantomime a character in a situation similar to, but different from, the locale of the play being acted, and have the class, unfamiliar with the role, describe the character. In the same manner, extemporize a situation outside the play that is to be acted, once again using the same characters, but in a story and setting different from the play, thereby forcing an appraisal in depth of theme, plot, and character

Objective Two

To enable students to Jearn

The technical skills of backstage production which are an integral part of play presentation



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Build a classroom library of a number of good technical books of varying degrees of difficulty in scenery. lighting costuming, makeup etc

Install at least minimal equipment in the drama classroom including movable screens or drapes, a cut-down unit set, low platforms and step units, baby spotlights, and standard furniture pieces. If this is not possible, it is suggested the drama class meet in the auditorium where maximum use can be made of stage equipment.

Rent or buy some of the many fine filmstrips on backstage scenery and equipment

Student Activities

Learn basic theatrical terms and symbols

Build simplified or skeleton scenery for the drama classroom following research of various texts for best suggestions

Design perspectives or model sets of plays read or produced

Participate in designing, building and painting sets for school production as a part of class work

Investigate and report, as individuals or groups, the various styles of scenery and types of staging, using drawings or models to illustrate the research

Find pictures in magazines that might illustrate plays read. styles of design, and types of scenery

Collect pictures of plays to study the different styles of scenery and production

Visit educational and professional theaters with wellequipped stages

Bring various colors of materials and grease paints to place under a spotlight with a variety of colored media to demonstrate the effect of light on color

Compose swatch books of possible costume materials, investigating cost and usability

Make charts or scrapbooks of pictures and drawings of period costumes from the Greek era to the present

Demonstrate types of makeup on each other

Make a complete prompt book of a play or plays presented in class

Tape or cut records of sound effects most often used in production

Objective Three

To enable students to learn:

The techniques of directing which combine the skills of acting and technical production





- Supplement the study of acting with instruction in techniques of directing and producing a show
- Assume the role of critic who moves from cast to cast to aid each student with problems as their arise
- Ask some professional or community theater directors to address the class
- Rent some of the excellent films that show directing and production techniques
- Divide the class into groups for the production of scenes or one-acts with students as directors

Student Activities

- Present to the class a discussion of the thesis of the play being worked on the characters employed to project the thesis and the attendant mood and style necessary for the proper atmosphere for the purpose of emphasizing complete understanding and familiarity with the script
- Help cast their own plays for classroom production Prepare a well-planned director's script with drawings of the stage set before any rehearsal is held
- Disregard script's suggestions for scenery, props, business and movement and use their own originality and creativity in producing the play
- Hold a number of initial rehearsals to read and discuss the play particularly emphasizing author thesis motivation, and interrelationship of characters
- Allow a number of rehearsals for movement, pantomime.

- improvisation, calisthenics, voice exercises, projection, etc. before even touching the script. Such activity is especially valuable with beginners or before beginning a period of stylized production.
- Prepare a complete schedule of rehearsals listing dates. scenes, and desired accomplishments before the rehearsal period begins to enable the director and cast to measure progress
- Set definite dates for memorization of lines and then strictly adhere to them, thereby stressing that excellence of character building and tempo cannot be achieved until books are discarded
- Write, or present orally to the class, character sketches of parts played. Present an occasional two- or three-minute portion of the play for critical group evaluation of progress during the rehearsal period.
- Set up backstage committees at the same time casting is done in order to emphasize the importance of the backstage worker. Present a program of competitive student-directed one-acts with trophies for best director, actor, crew worker, etc.

Objective Four

To enable students to learn.

Values of good business practices that are a part of running a successful box office





The adult director or sponsor of educational drama should organize box office workers, train and instruct them well, check them periodically, and then let them do the job if they are to obtain lasting values from the experience

Student Activities

Handle all jobs but, with adult supervision, if deemed necessary

Plan and organize ticket sales, providing a system of keeping track of tickets and money similar to the following receipt system *Receipt number one* is a double ticket with identical halves. Both halves are filled out by the ticket chairman. They are then cut into two parts and one is kept for the files and the other is given to the seller. Receipt number two is completed later by the licket chairman and placed in the permanent records. A simplification of these tickets can be devised to meet local situations.

Sample Receipt System

Drama Receipt No 1 (For Files)	
Name	
Tickets Issued	
Tickets Returned .	
Money Turned In	
Treas Initials Receipt No	
(Cut Here)	
Drama Receipt No 1 (For Seller)	
Name	
Tickets Issued	
Tickets Returned	
Money Turned In	
Treas Initials Receipt No	



Drama Receipt No. 2 (For Files)					
TICKETS ISSUED		TICKETS RETURNED			
No of Tickets	Receipt No	No of Tickets	Receipt No		
MONEY R	ETURNED	FINAL F	REPORT		
Amount	Receipt No	Total Tickets Issued Total Tickets Returned Total Accountable	-		
NAME		Total Money Returned Short Over OK			

Design and display posters advertising the play Prizes of free tickets for best posters may be given Compose complete schedules of advertising showing media and dates

Contact all advertising media and work out complete plans for advertising the show

Help in drawing up in advance an estimated budget for the show, and aid in keeping within that budget Design and compose the play program

Objective Five

To enable students to learn

The importance of theatrical history and the cultural and aesthetic values of dramatic literature

Teacher Activities

Present group discussions on theater history after a cooperative investigation of various periods. Present oral and written reports to class concerning social characteristics of the periods, methods and styles of presentation, playhouse, authors, etc.

Student Activities

Read and report on representative plays of each era, emphasizing types, structure, and dramatic composition Present a classical play as it might have been performed in a number of dramatic periods



Attend classical as well as modern plays at college or university theaters

Prepare model stages, costume drawings, sketches of theatre buildings, etc., of various eras

Present a program built around short excerpts from plays of each period with a commentator to provide transitions

Objective Six

To enable students to learn

Skills of literary and artistic criticism

Teacher Activities

Through class discussion, draw up criteria for evaluating a good dramatic performance

Student Activities

Attend amateur and professional plays using the criteria for judgment and write a review of the production

Read reviews of the same play by professional critics as they appear in newspapers, magazines, etc., to note dif-

ferences and similarities of opinion

Compare favorable and unfavorable reviews of the same play

Discuss the differences in standards and styles of writing of movie, television, and theater criticism

Study the style of outstanding professional reviewers

Objective Seven

To enable students to

Develop high standards of appreciation of drama and maintain interest in current theatrical developments

Teacher Activities

Develop a unit in which the students discuss ways they can improve and sharpen their aesthetic sensibilities, determine criteria for judging dramatic productions, and share their increasing ability to discriminate between the good and the bad in theater. The teacher should always carefully avoid forcing his own special interests on his students, but should give them every opportunity to discover and develop their own tastes for what is good in legitimate theater, motion pictures, and TV drama

Suggested Units of Study

Play Analysis and Dramatic Criticism Acting Directing

Technical Production and Theatre Organization History of the Theater (including investigation of current theatrical scene)

To the Director of Drama

Evaluation of every performance is a necessary function in the development of an actor. The length of critiques will vary, of course, depending on the activity. The establishment of





criteria by teachers and students before each unit is time-consuming but essential for it will point the way toward better performance and will give a basis for group evaluation following the performance Evaluation of individual effort by the group is a good technique but the approach to criticism must be marked by tact and good judgment. The group must be led to feel that a duty of each member is to help in the development of every other member. Emphasis should be placed on good points, but constructive suggestions for improving weaknesses should also be mentioned.

High school dramatics should be organized and integrated as a full credit course which requires class work done that will justify credit rating. This should be a class to learn about a variety of theatrical activities, a place where the nondramatic student, as well as the talented can grow and develop. Most directors in the educational theater feel, the class should not be a rehear period for extracurricular plays.

A course organized on a year's basis proves greatly beneficial. It sometimes takes a semester to break down native shyness and reserve and establish the self-confidence and physical relaxation needed to do a good job.

Drama teachers and the administrative staff should agree on the aims and objectives of the urama program. School plays should be presented for the advancement of dramatic activity and not to make money for equipment that should be bought by the board of education or to pay for class gifts trips or banquets.

The teacher should not be afraid to experiment, but should

do something different each year. Some arena staging, chamber theater, dance drama, or presentation of abstract or stylized plays should be attempted.

If the drama program consists chiefly of a class play or plays, the teacher and administrator should re-evaluate the program Many educators believe that the benefits of speech and dramatic activity should be extended to all students. If the chief value of the presentation of a class play is to give prestige value to graduating seniors, then real discrimination exists against students who might need or enjoy four years of speech and drama training. The confinement of the drama program to a single class is no more logical than restricting musical activities or an athletic program to one segment of the student body.

The drama teacher usually expects to present or suphrvise such events as school assemblies or civic club programs, but administrators should see that adequate time is allotted for their preparation. In fact, the total drama program for the year, including events and dates, should be agreed upon by the teacher and the administrator in the spring of the previous year so that proper planning may be made and overloading of the teacher's program will not ensue

Educational Drama Materials

Audiovisual Tape recorder, record player, film, and slide projector and screen, camera equipment, bulletin board, and assorted recordings (e.g., famous actresses and actors) Physical Properties of Classroom Chairs, tables, simple



props. makeup box. full-length mirror simple lighting, and platform with curtain

Written Materials Subscriptions to New York Times (Sunday Edition), theater magazines collections of piays, class-room library of theater arts books, and play catalogues





CHAPTER VIII

RADIO AND TELEVISION IN SPEECH EDUCATION

In speech education radio and television have been generally regarded as co-curricular activities. As such, students have been afforded opportunities to exercise and further develop skills acquired in the curricular speech program. Recent developments in video tape recorders and vidicon cameras have now made the use of television easily accessible to most schools for their curricular programs. Thus, it now becomes easier to integrate television into the overall curriculum as an important audiovisual device.

Limitations

In general one will find that most schools do not have complete radio and television broadcasting facilities. There are instances usually found in city-wide educational systems where low-powered radio and or open or closed circuit television stations are operated. When such facilities exist, the educational administration will provide qualified professional educators to handle this type of equipment. More often than not however, the teacher will have use of school-wide intercommunication systems, portable amplifiers, speakers, microphones, and tape recorders. Development of dependable low-cost audio mixers have made training in radio studio techniques possible in most schools. The same holds true for the newer, portable closed circuit television equipment and video switching devices.

General Objectives

Educational radio and television are means of general edu-

cational motivation. Educational radio and television will prepare students

To utilize and or work intelligently in the media of mass communications

To express themselves via these media

To reinforce speech skills

To appreciate the contributions of each medium and its unique techniques of communication

Specific Objectives

Students will be able

To understand and appreciate the communicative roles of radio and television

To listen critically

To speak and perform effectively

To understand and operate broadcast-oriented equipment effectively

To program for radio and television

Suggested Learning Activities

Objective One

To help students

To understand and appreciate the communicative roles of radio and television

Teacher Activities

Develop a teaching unit on The Communicative Roles of



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Radio and TV Include

The public service and defense role

The commercial role

The public information role

The entertainment role

Invite social studies teachers to lecture on the above topics. Show films related to the various roles of radio and television.

Assign students library research on the history and development of various government approaches to the control of radio and television

Student Activities

Secure copies of the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission related to responsibilities of the media Report on the meaning and function of Conelrad Analyze the program notes in the newspapers to determine the number of public service shows broadcast daily Make a study of the number of commercials appearing in a given period of broadcast time on both radio and television

Do research to determine the amount of national income spent on commercial broadcasting yearly

Make a study of the volume of sales of certain items introduced over radio and television for the first time Read *The Fidden Persuaders* by Vance Packard

Make a study of children between the ages of 4-5 years to

see what cereals they prefer, and then correlate the data with the cereal-sponsored shows they view

Analyze radio and television programming to determine the amount of time devoted to newscasting

Watch an assigned program which intends to give information (Give a pretest and posttest to demonstrate the amount of information learned from such programs)

Read news reports following major elections to discover what observers say were the influences of the persuasive speaking via these media

Discuss the question. How our attitudes are influenced by such programs as Face the Nation: The 21st Century; 60 minutes, First Tuesday. Issues and Answers: Kup's Show, and the NBC White Papers

Listen to the record and then read the literature related to the radio show, *War of the Worlds*, produced by Orson Welles in 1938

Prepare a debate to be broadcast using the proposition. Resolved that radio programming should be improved Discuss the question. How has broadcasting influenced the American culture and its tastes in entertainment? Prepare a set of criteria for judging qualities of good entertainment to be applied to radio and television programming

Gather materials that will permit one to study for the FCC third-class, broadcast indorsed, radio-telephone operators permit

Analyze the types of commercials presented during a given





time period. Also decide whether they mirror the program in progress.

Make a class survey to see how many classmates are playing the 'Top Ten' records

Objective Two
To help students
To listen critically

Teacher Activities

Develop a teaching unit in Critical Listening Include

Definition of hearing Definition of listening

The nature of noise

The absence of feedback in radio and television

The power of the mass media in political persuasion

The influence of the media on emotional behavior

The teacher should refer to units and suggestions in this quide on critical listening and thinking

Student Activities

Listen to an assigned program and prepare a list of discussion questions to be considered in class

Form committees and analyze the nature, value, and weaknesses of broadcast commercials

Listen to shortwave recordings of Radio Moscow or Radio Cuba and compare these with AP. UPI, NBC Monitor, and

CBS Dimension

Listen to a series of commercials and decide what traits make some commercials better than others

Discuss the Question, "Why are commercials frequently more creative and better entertainment than most programs in broadcasting today?"

Observe a psychedelic "light show" or "sound show" and list stimuli perceived. Discuss the variety of responses and why people see or hear the same phenomena, yet interpret them differently.

Take a comprehension test immediately following a listening experience in which three simultaneous broadcasts of three different types were heard in order to demonstrate that "people hear what they want to hear"

Compare the comprehension of a speech when one-half of the class can see and hear the speaker, and the remaining half can only hear the speaker.

Objective Three

To help students:

To speak effectively

Teacher Activities.

Provide a library of recordings representing effective radio speaking

Invite local professional announcers to class to lecture on radio speaking

Record the presentation of a superior speech student who





has had no microphone training to demonstrate that rules for good speech are applicable to good announcing

Record students to demonstrate importance of proper breathing, good enunciation, correct pronunciation, proper reading rate, naturalness, vitality, and friendliness

Secure cooperation of English and foreign language departments to assist in preparing tapes of pronunciation drills and basic rules for pronunciation in each language Stress the growing importance of the ad-lib program on radio and television

Emphasize, throughout the year, the development of radiotelevision vocabulary, eliminating slang, cliches, and carelessness in repetition of adjectives

Impress students with the idea that mispronunciation is inexcusable in radio-TV announcing

Stress the importance of timing even to the second, in broadcasting

Student Activities

Play a tape of a professional announcer reading from a script and compare with a student reading from the same script

Turn off the television audio and describe the video portion of the program and compare with tape of the professional announcer narrating the same event (The same may be accomplished by having students use a movie projector without sound)

Keep a log book for recording all newly learned words and

constantly used expressions to use as a check against all scripts to be read

Record scripts cold, then record again after practice Read and record orally five minutes per day with special attention to enunication, pronunciation, phrasing, and emphasis

Ad-lib a description of an automobile and compare with a well-read, written description

Record descriptions of parades, games, school dances, etc., and criticize their recordings

Prepare a vocabulary bulletin board or which all new and current words associated with science, politics, world events, and economics are posted.

Take standardized vocabulary tests regularly

Serve as narrators and announcers for programs sponsored by other school departments

Be available for announcing for community group activities Work on drill passages which will increase their vocal variety Practice and observe the difference between the "ad-lib" approach of the M C and sportscaster and the scripted approach of the news. weather, and sports commentator. Practice reading a dramatic selection before a microphone so as to develop believable and realistic sounding dialogue

Objective Four

To help students master

The skills of utilizing broadcasting equipment.



Establish an apprenticeship system for teaching beginning students how to handle equipment

Develop a graduated training program for radio that starts with simple audio control board exercises and progresses to complete one-man shows

Develop a training schedule for terrorision that permits the student to 'orn about each item of equipment, to acquire skills in its operation, and to be able to understand and operate the equipment in the various emceeing operations possible in television.

Prepare a series of demonstrations on the care and handling of equipment

Have schematics available detailing the nature, care, and

handling of equipment Invite local repairmen and commercial radio engineers to come and discuss handling and repair of equipment Arrange tours of area broadcasting facilities

Student Activities

Form crews whose responsibilities are to store, handle and repair equipment

Take periodic examinations on handling equipment

Maintain an inventory of equipment

Set up rigorous checkout systems for using equipment Acquire as much practice as possible using equipment at assemblies and school projects in other classes

Objective Five

To enable students

To program for radio and television

Teacher Activities

Provide students with textbooks and other materials on production techniques
Play examples of the various program formats. Use both

professional programs and examples performed by other high school students

Lecture on the various program formats for radio and tele-

vision Invite professional station program directors and writers to class to lecture on the art at d skills of good programming.

Student Activities

of all types

Write scripts for programs based on the criteria presented in class lectures
Build complete programs using a variety of scripts which

reflect their understanding of good format

Write openings and closings for radio and television shows

Write commercials for all school events

Write original dramatic shows for both media

Study the nature of programming of commercial stations Arrange productions for local stations, i.e., shows based on

units of work in speech or other classes



Introduction of teachers to the community through interviews

Junior Town Meeting of the Air

Teenagers Want To Know

As individuals, produce one-man newscasts and disc-jockey programs

As a team, plan, perform, and produce a radio drama complete with musical bridges and sound effects

As a team, using a round-robin rotation basis, produce the following tell ision program formats commercials straigh, and production), newscasts, variety show skits, talk shows, and documentaries

Individually, plan, write, and produce a special audio project that will use the properties unique to this medium in order to project a theme, mood, or message

To The Speech Teacher Utilizing Radio and/or TV

The first consideration of the radio and, or television teacher is to determine the objectives to which such activities or courses will be directed. There is considerable difference between having and using a complete and professionally built radio and or television facility and having and using the typical public address, amplifier, and tape recording equipment found in most schools.

In this guide, we have considered radio and television as vehicles for helping the speech teacher turn out students with effective skills and attitudes of speaking and listening

(a) " ith this limitation in mind, the speech teacher will not

attempt to make radio and television production an end in itself. Such facilities will be used to augment the curricular speech program, to provide a public relations facility, and to stimulate students' vocational interests in radio and television.

Television is increasing its role in secondary education. The speech teacher will make every effort to keep abreast of the trends in utilization of new technology, and provide his administration and fellow teachers with information, advice, and direction in the use of new equipment. In the near future, most schools will need personnel in charge of developing such programs. Evidence indicates that such personnel are often speech teachers.

The speech teacher, interested in using radio and television as a vehicle for speech education, will do well to join the various professional speech organizations and use them to explore the relationships between radio and television and general speech education

The speech teacher, using these media, will remember that they are devices which are used for the purposes of oral and visual communication and that, as such, they should not become ends but rather means to effective speech education.

Many students in today's schools, who are scientifically or mechanically skilled, are often excluded from the speech activities program. Radio and television, like technical theater, offer tremendous opportunities for such students. Further, students, who are oriented toward athletics, can be encouraged to participate in tape recording of athletic activities, thus



welding their interests in athletics with their need to become effective speakers

The speech teacher utilizing radio and television will have large amounts of portable, expensive, and breakable equipment. The care and handling of the equipment alone often burdens the speech teacher so that the real end product of speech education is lost. The speech teacher will try to avoid this error.

The speech teacher especially equipped to handle radio and television will seek to offer his services to all teachers in the school. Such leadership provides motivational and instructional activities otherwise not available to students.



CHAPTER IX

AN EVALUATIVE DESIGN

What is an Effective Program of Speech Education in the Secondary School?

There are many ways by which this question might be answered

- 1 Upon invitation by an administrator, the Supervisor of Speech and Drama from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction will visit any school for consultation
- 2 A team of speech educators from a reputable university speech department might be called in to make a study
- 3 A faculty-community committee might be established to design and execute an evaluation of community needs and resources as related to speech programs
- 4 A carefully-detailed program of an active area high school might be used as a basis for evaluating any speech curriculum

However one of the most convenient ways utilizes an inventory to be found at the end of this chapter) of the qualities which characterize the programs in schools which have consistently produced results. Such an inventory is not new In 1945, Karl F. Robinson of Northwestern University and Franklin H. Knower of Ohio State University, published an early form of this type of inventory.

This kind of inventory may be used for at least three different evaluative tasks

- 1 The teacher may check his own program by completing the inventory and perhaps thus derive suggestions from it
- 2 Teachers and school administrators may check the program and offer suggestions for its development
- 3 The administrator or research scholar who wishes an objective quantitative rating of a program of speech education should secure the service of an expert who will find the scale a guide to his evaluation and the means of recording his findings

The ratings on the individual items of the inventory may be added to provide the rating score for the program as a whole If the largest percentage of the items is checked in the 2 column the program may be considered an A Program. If most of the items are checked in the 1 column, the program may be considered a B Program. If most of the checks are in the 0 column, the program should be considered a C Program. Obviou by, the validity of these ratings will depend upon the qualifications of the rater and upon how familiar he is with the program evaluated.

Two forms of the scale are presented Form A is primarily for school systems of moderate to large size and includes *all* items in the scale First-class speech programs in small school systems also can be evaluated on Form A. However, most small schools *may be* better evaluated on Form B, consisting only of starred items. The inventory, revised to fit 1971 speech programs, follows:

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A GENERAL SPEECH PROGRAM INVENTORY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Firm A Form B consists of the items with starred numbers

- 1 School size
- 2 School type public socational general three-year senior etc."
- 3 Courses, individual or clinic programs offered (underline any required and follow all by numbers of students in each jast year)
- 4 Number of students in co-curriculum activity programs oral reading dramatics public speaking other activities
- 5 Do you follow a curriculum prepared by your state + your city systems your own planning + other as explained
- 6 In ficate the background and training in speech education of the person checking this inventory

This inventory is designed as a check test regarding speech programs in secondary schools. Read the following list of items and check the key for each item to indicate the extent to which your program meets the criterion suggested.

- 0 Encircle the number 0 if your school program meets the criterion very inadequately or not at all
- 1 Encircle the number 1 if your school program meets the criterion moderately well
- 2 Encircle the number 2 if your school program meets the criterion very successfully

I. Goals and Objectives

- 2' Are these goals understood and followed by the administration the teachers, and the students in the program? 0-1-2
- 3* Are specific goals for speech training in individual courses made clear to students enrolled? 0-1-2
- 4* Are specific goals for speech training in co-curricular activities and contests made clear to students taking part in these events?

 O-1-2
- 5* Are your objectives validated in terms of the achievement of a good program of speech education? 0-1-2
- 6* Is your instructional program set up with the view of helping students in the reformulation of educational goals and continued growth in speech achievement in post-school years?
 0-1-2

II. Nature and Scope of Program

7* Is speech instruction made conveniently available to all students? 0-1-2



8*	Is speech instruction adapted to individual needs and abilities in various courses and activities?	0-1-2
9•	Does your school have a graduated and continuous program of instruction available to students in ali	
	grades?	0-1-2
:0-	Does your speech program co-ordinate the work done in high school with the work which has been	
	done in the grades and which may be done by those	
1 1	who go to college? Do you have a speech correction program available	0-1-2
	for students who stutter lisp and are maladjusted or who speak with a dialect or accent?	0-1-2
12	Do you have a well-balanced program of course in-	0-1-2
	struction in speech education beginning with cor- rection and fundamentals and advancing to more spe-	
	cialized objectives and interests?	0-1-2
13*	Do you attempt to guide students to appreciate and develop high standards for speech achievement by	
	observation and study of the best models from speakers of the past outstanding living speakers	
	performers in the theater radio television film etc.	0-1-2
14*	Is your instructional work in speech courses given sufficient academic credit and recognition to make	
	it comparable in motivation and dignity with other	
15*	courses? Is your program organized with adequate course	0-1 - 2
	time to achieve results in course objectives?	0-1-2

III. Content of Program A Curricular

16*	Do you teach basic theory and principles of speech and oral communication in your courses?	0-1-2
17	Do you have sizeable units devoted to the improve-	
	ment of clearness and acceptability or articulation and pronunciation at various levels of instruction?	0-1-2
18*	,	
	clearness, of the quality and of the use of the voice for various types of speaking?	0-1-2
19*	Do you have units devoted to clearness accepta-	•
	bility and effectiveness in the use of oral language at various levels of instruction?	0-1-2
20*	Do you have units devoted to the selection and eval-	0-1-2
	uation of subjects and materials to talk about for	
	various levels of learning?	0-1-2
21*	Do you help students enrich their background and	
	knowledge for use in speaking as they mature intel-	
	fectually?	0-1-2
22.	Do you instruct students in organization and arrange-	
	ment of materials for speaking for various purposes	
	and situations?	0-1-2
23*	Do you give instruction in the development of poise.	
	directness, and expressive action in speaking?	0-1-2
24*	Do you have units of instruction of the development	
	of confidence, convictions social sensitivity and	
	consideration, and social responsibilities in speech	
	for students of various aptitudes?	0-1-2
25*	Do you give instruction on the development of dis-	
	crimination in speaking for various purposes?	0-1-2



	44	Do you participate in other speech leagues or or-	0.1.0	55	Do you keep an accumulative record of the speech	
	1.5	ganizations within your region or locality?	0-1-2		needs and achievements of all students in your school	
	45	Do you have a chapter of the National Forensic	0.4.0		system?	0-1-2
		League?	0-1-2	56	Do you keep an accumulative record of speech	
	46	Do you belong to National Thespian Society?	0-1		achievement in regular instruction?	0-1-2
	47	Do you belong to Masque and Gavel Society?	0-1-4	VI. Mat	erials and Equipment	
I۷	Rela	ationships to Community and Other Departments		57	Do you make use of modern speech textbooks refer-	
	48	Is your program in speech instruction well-supported			ence books and magazines in your speech instruction?	0-1-2
		by and co-ordinated with other programs of instruc-		58	Do you have extensive source material, such as	
		tion in your school such as social studies. English			magazines pamphlets and books for speech making	
		and art?	0-1-2		in a school library which you use in your speech in-	
	49-	Is your speech program directed toward making a			struction?	0-1-2
		contribution to education for life in a democratic so-		59	Do you have appropriate classrooms which can be	· · -
		ciety through community activities?	0-1-2		used effectively for speech instruction?	0-1-2
	50	Do you make a speakers bureau available to the com-		60		٠, ٠
		munity organizations?	0-1-2	-	playback instrument in your school system?	0-1-2
	51	Is the community aware of the availability of students		61	Do you have and use speech charts models tapes	V , L
	•	who might perform for them?	0-1-2	0.	records cassettes video tapes kinescopes educa-	
	52	Do you have visiting teachers in your school system	· · ·		tional films filmstrips and other laboratory instru-	
	٥٤	and skilled and professional people from your com-			ments for speech instruction?	0-1-2
		munity that you make use of in speech instruction?	0-1-2	62	Do you have a stage with scenery sound and light-	0-1-2
		mainty that you make use of in speech instruction.	012	02	ing equipment for dramatic productions?	0-1-2
V	Tes	Festing, Evaluation, Pupil Records, etc 53 Do you have a systematic speech examination program in your school by which you diagnose needs and abilities and evaluate achievements in speaking of all		63	Do you have an FM radio station?	0-1-2
	53			64	Do you have access to a commercial radio station?	
				65	•	0-1-7
				03	Do you have an installation for closed circuit tele- vision?	0-1-2
	students	students?	0-1-2	66		0-1-2
	54	g. ,		00	Do you have access to a commercial television station?	0 1 0
			0-1-2	67		0-1-2
				07	Do you have an equipment and instructional budget	
					adequate for your needs?	0-1-2



VII Certification and Preparation of Teachers 68 Have your teachers been educated and certified to conduct the kinds of speech activities and programs for which they are responsible in your school? 0-1-2 69 Do your teachers have adequate speed education to achieve results in a well-developed program? 0 - 1 - 270 Do your teachers keep up to date in speech education by participating in professional speech conferences reading and writing for a speech journal going to summer schools for further work etc? 0 - 1 - 271° Are your teachers enthusiastic about the type of service in speech education which they are giving? 0 - 1 - 272 Are your teachers given relief in class instructional load when they carry late afternoon and evening cocurriculum instructional programs in order that they may function reasonably free from undue strain and fatigue? 0-1-2 73 Are your teachers paid for outside-of-class load beyond regular classroom teaching assignments? 0-1-2 74 Are your teachers physically healthy and energetic in their work? 0 - 1 - 2VIII Administrative Attitude 75 Do teachers and administrative staff work together in a spirit of harmony and co-operative inspiration? 0 - 1 - 2

In a rapidly changing world where communication needs are being met with new technical advances, the curricula of our educational institutions must constantly change. Evaluation is the process for observing at 4 characterizing the effectiveness of a program. Evaluation

must be a continuous process one in which parents teachers and administrators have challenging responsibilities



Conclusion



CHAPTER X

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